

Descendants of Morris Berger and Mollie Levy



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Foreword

Quote from Hector in the movie Coco:

"It there's no one left in the living world to remember you, you disappear from this world. But you can change that!"

This book contains the facts of who, what, where, when and how, along with some memories shared by Sandy Fernandez, Judy Cornell, Michele Zwillinger and others. Their shared memories really added flavor to this book. I am especially appreciative of Sandy's Genealogy research, of which I relied on heavily, and Eric Germansky's and Josh Berger's scanned photo albums. I tried to give credit for each photo or media item included except for those which are public record.

If you can add to our history or have an anecdote to tell, please share it with me and help make our story come alive. Even little things will make our story more personal. I may reissue this book as additional significant information comes along, especially records from "the old country". Of course, as a Jewish family, many records have been destroyed, however during recent years more records have been located and are being digitized and made available. At the time of this version, I have not spent much time researching the "old country", but hope to do so in the future. Please share any photos, stories, or corrections needed with me for future iterations.

Enjoy! Brigitte Garrett, Georgia, USA, April 27, 2025

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Notes:

- Undoubtedly some important information is missing but as someone once told me, "If you don't set yourself a deadline, you will never get your book published. I apologize for any errors or omissions.
- Descendants of Morris and Mollie who were/are neither married, nor have children, do not have their own section and are only listed with their parents.
- Gaps in dates are a result of including only "documented" facts and direct personal knowledge of close relatives.
- To keep this document available into the future it has been posted at:
 - Private Facebook group, Morris and Mollie Berger Ancestry:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2041408203027983>
 - Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/details/descendants-of-morris-beger-and-mollie-levy-v-1.1>
 - Lulu Print on Demand : <https://www.lulu.com/shop/brigitte-garrett/descendants-of-morris-berger-and-mollie-levy/hardcover/product-kvkdvky.html?page=1&pageSize=4>



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Family Relationship Chart

To find the relationship between two people, first determine the common ancestor you share and your relationship to the common ancestor: grandchild, great grandchild, etc. Pencil in the common ancestor's name, if it helps.

- Choose Person #1's relationship to that ancestor from the top row of boxes, e.g. "child."
- Choose Person #2's relationship to that ancestor from the left column of boxes, e.g. "grandchild."
- The box where the two intersect identifies the relationship between the two people in this case: Niece/Nephew.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Common Ancestor	Child	Grandchild	Great Grandchild	Great-Great Grandchild	G-G-Great Grandchild	4th Great Grandchild
1 Child		Niece/ Nephew	Grandniece/ Grandnephew	G-Grandniece/ G-Grandnephew	G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-Grandnephew	G-G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-G-Grandnephew
2 Grandchild	Niece/ Nephew	1st Cousin	1st Cousin Once Removed	1st Cousin Twice Removed	1st Cousin Three Times Removed	1st Cousin Four Times Removed
3 Great Grandchild	Grandniece/ Grandnephew	1st Cousin Once Removed	2nd Cousin	2nd Cousin Once Removed	2nd Cousin Twice Removed	2nd Cousin Three Times Removed
4 Great-Great Grandchild	G-Grandniece/ G-Grandnephew	1st Cousin Twice Removed	2nd Cousin Once Removed	3rd Cousin	3rd Cousin Once Removed	3rd Cousin Twice Removed
5 G-G-Great Grandchild	G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-Grandnephew	1st Cousin Three Times Removed	2nd Cousin Twice Removed	3rd Cousin Once Removed	4th Cousin	4th Cousin Once Removed
6 G-G-G-Great Grandchild	G-G-G-Grandniece/ G-G-G-Grandnephew	1st Cousin Four Times Removed	2nd Cousin Three Times Removed	3rd Cousin Twice Removed	4th Cousin Once Removed	5th Cousin

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Introduction

The following pages list data for all known family members as of April 19, 2025.

Each immediate family is presented in their own section that contains a graphical family tree as well as a description with information about each referenced person and their children. The child section provides information about the children of the preceding couple. When a child has offspring of their own this is presented in a separate family section for that child. In this case a '+' is used to denote that an individual will appear later in the book as a parent with his/her own children and there is a link to the appropriate family reference number. For children with partners but no offspring the partner data is given with the reference family. Roman numerals, followed by a period, are used to indicate the birth order.

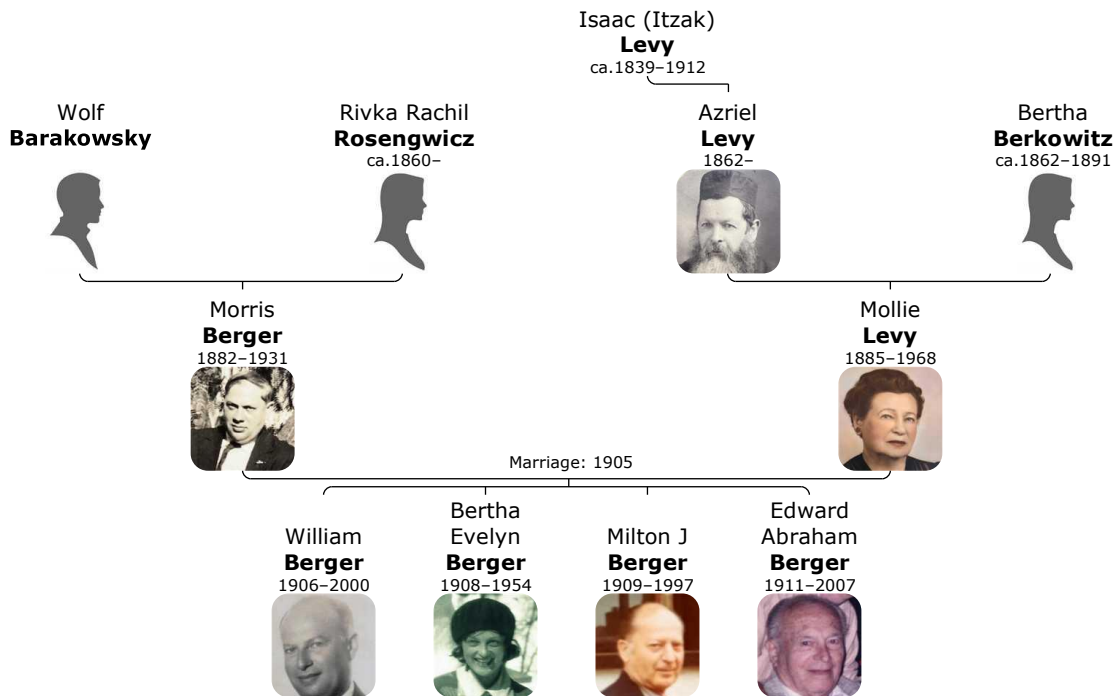
In the chapter titled "Family of the Starting Person" the ancestors of Morris Berger and Mollie Levy are presented in a kind of enhanced Pedigree Chart which displays the graphic representation of their direct-line ancestors and the children of the couple. This chapter contains information about the couple whose offspring are listed in the later chapters.

The chapter titled "Families of his Descendants" provides details (as known as of the publication date) for the offspring of Morris Berger and Mollie Levy. There is a chapter for each generation. Relatives are listed in the order of the nearness of their relationship.

This document reports the details of 72 individuals, of whom 32 are male and 40 are female. Of the 16 individuals with recorded birth and death dates, the average lifespan was 75.2 years. Of these, 10 males averaged 77.6 years, and 6 females averaged 71.1 years. The longest living male was Edward Abraham Berger (1911–2007), who died aged 96. The longest living female was Sylvia Porton (1916–2012), who died aged 95.

Family of the Starting Person

Family of Morris Berger and Mollie Levy



- Morris Berger** was born on Wednesday, October 25, 1882, in Łask, Piotrków, Poland. It was part of the Russian empire at the time. (Note that the only source documenting his birth location is his marriage license and should be further investigated).



Morris Berger

He was the son of Wolf Barakowsky and Rivka Rachil Rosengwicz. Morris worked as a Tailor in various shops between 1902 and October 11, 1931. " Morris was a hard worker and an excellent tailor. He was entrusted with making the "samples" of women's suits for some large companies in Los Angeles. After the season was over, he would travel up to San Francisco and work for companies up there. He traveled a lot and Mollie spent time raising the kids on her own. Bill often had to be man of the house", per Sandy Fernandez from interviews of Bill and Eddie Berger. In 1931 he worked at Stoss (sp?) Tailoring Co.

He emigrated from Southampton, Hampshire, England, on January 11, 1902. Morris Berger and Mollie's marriage license mentions Łask and Łódź as where both Morris and Mollie were born and presumably both originally emigrated from, although no emigration documentation has been found for Mollie yet.

Circa 1900, prior to WWI, both the cities Łask and Łódź were located in the province (Gubérniya) of Piotrków in the Russian Empire. Then between WWI and WWII circa 1930, both cities were in the Łódź province (Gubérniya) in Poland. Of course, the cities did not move, they were just "owned" by different countries at each point in time. The cities are 37.5 km, approximately 20.5 miles, apart.

In her research, Sandy explains that "Morris, like countless other Jewish young men, was fleeing for his life when he left home in the dead of winter of 1901. He had just turned 19 in October and was in danger of being conscripted into the Russian Army. He embarked from Hamburg, Germany, and then departed Southampton on January 11, 1902, on the S.S. Philadelphia of the American Line in steerage class. He was a tailor, had \$55, and his passage was paid for by brother-in-law, J(acob). Kep(p)ler who was located at 68 117th St. Most of the immigrants on that voyage were Russian. It was common that Russian/Polish Jews who departed Hamburg stopped over in London to connect with the American Line at Southampton, which were the best of the time, and fastest. He sailed on the S.S. Philadelphia." Morris immigrated to New York, New York County, New York, USA, on January 17, 1902. Morris' surname was changed from Barakowsky to Berger upon entry at Ellis Island, as his actual name was too difficult to spell. However, his original surname appeared on the ship manifest.

Several of Morris' naturalization papers indicate that he arrived 11 Jan 1901, even though the ship manifest notes 17 Jan 1902. It is my guess that he used 1901 during the naturalization process so that he met the 5-year qualification rule for citizenship sooner. (But wouldn't the naturalization process review his arrival documents? bg)

He was naturalized in New York on July 12, 1906. (Eastern District, witnessed by Rabbi Leib Porotsky of 11 Rivington St. NYC, Application B626, Volume #86, Copy of record # 359).

Memories: Sandy Fernandez shares memories from her dad and uncle Eddie, "Their first car was a 1925 Dodge Touring Special. Happy Dog (was) their Airedale. Mollie also had a white cat named Queenie that lived indoors. Eddie always loved that car." Sandy continues their memories, "The family took the Red Car to Ocean Park for Sunday outings. In the summer they rented a beach house and stayed there for a month while Morris worked in town and came down on Saturday night. He always brought Jewish Deli food with him, and other supplies, and they waited for him impatiently." Eric Germansky recounted to Sandy that "Gramps" (Milton Berger) told him stories about how Mollie would buy a live carp to make gefilte fish, and that they would bring a wagon to

the store and lug the fish home in a bucket and then it would be kept in the bathtub for a few days.

He died in Los Angeles on October 11, 1931, at the age of 48. His cause of death was Sclerosis of both coronary arteries of his heart and myocardial degeneration. He died suddenly and unexpectedly. He was buried at Mt Zion, Plot 59-03, 1030 S. Downey Road, Glasband - Creman Co Ltd embalmer, license 1820 in Los Angeles on October 13, 1931.

More facts and events for Morris Berger:

Religion:		Judaism
Residence:	1905	Manhattan, New York County, New York 626 East 5th Street
Residence:	January 09, 1905	New York 219 East 117th St
Residence:	April 1906	New York 303 E 3rd St
Residence:	July 1906	New York 229 E 121 Street
Residence:	1910	Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California 1045 East 31st Street, "rents" home.
Residence:	May 25, 1911	Los Angeles 2800 Michigan St
Residence:	1918 - 1920	Los Angeles 2126 East 2nd Street, Boyle Heights "Owned with a mortgage" per 1920 census.
Residence:	1920 - 1931	Walnut Park 7914 South Seville Avenue. It was both a tailor shop and house that William Berger designed and built. Per the 1930 census they "owned home valued at \$10,000, and they have a radio set".
Description:		Medium height, Stout build, blue eyes, Black hair.
Hebrew Name:		Moshe Ben WOLF
Language Spoken:		Yiddish and English
Literate:		Yes

At the age of 22, Morris married **Mollie Levy** on Monday, January 09, 1905, at Mr. Weinberg's Residence, 72 E. 114th St, after meeting at the home of relatives. Per their Certificate of Marriage, they were married by Reverend Tilk (why not a Rabbi? bg) in Manhattan, New York County, New York, when she was 19 years old.



Mollie Levy

Her first name was spelled Mollie and Molly interchangeably throughout her life. As most/many legal documents used "Mollie", every attempt was

made to use Mollie consistently throughout this work. Her birth name was Malka.

They had four children.

Mollie was born in Łask, Piotrków, Poland, on Saturday, September 05, 1885. This was part of the Russian empire at the time. (This information needs confirmation as it only came from her marriage certificate). Mollie always said that she was a Galitzianer. She was the daughter of Azriel Levy and Bertha Berkowitz.

She emigrated from Southampton, Hampshire, England, between 1902 and 1903. She worked as a millinery in her own shop located under the Brookland Bridge in New York, New York County, New York, USA, in 1905.

Mollie was naturalized in New York, New York County, New York, USA, on July 12, 1906. She was naturalized under Morris' paperwork (although not listed). Between 1790 to 1922 women were automatically naturalized (derivative citizenship) when their husbands were naturalized, as were minor children, but they were almost never listed by name on their husband's paperwork.

Mollie worked as a Homemaker between 1911 and 1968.

Memories: Grandchildren Sandy, Michele and Judy all remember Mollie being stern and generally not very warm. Sandy's insight was that "... Mollie had experienced a whole lot of trauma in her younger years in the old country, and her personality reflected all that. I remember that during family dinners she would be sitting in a big armchair to the side of the fireplace in her living room, and be expounding on terrible violent stories of pogroms, and someone's (her mother's?) death in childbirth, and family left in Poland killed in the holocaust." Judy added, " When we still lived in Solvang, we visited Los Angeles often and always stayed at her place on Curson. She babysat me frequently, so we spent lots of time together. Every Friday she would make dinner for the whole family and the food was delicious. That was quite an undertaking but she loved having the whole family together. She and I would walk to Fairfax? to shop. The aromas coming from the delis and restaurants were glorious. The layout of that apartment is still etched in my mind. Taking a bath in the pink and maroon tiled tub with Lifebuoy soap was quite an experience! Also, the rag man coming down the street yelling "rags"! I don't remember if he pulled the cart or if he had a donkey doing the work. At that time Uncle Bill and Aunt Mildred lived upstairs. These years were approximately 1936-1941. You probably agree (comment was to Sandy), Mollie was not warm and fuzzy. She never showed me any

affection, but know that she cared for me anyway. Coming from a completely different world and culture must have been so frightening!"

Mollie died in Los Angeles between August 14, 1968 and August 15, 1968. California death index notes death date as 14 Aug, 1968, while Social Security notes it as 15 Aug 1968. Need the death certificate to resolve.

More facts and events for Mollie Levy:

Address:	1935 - 1940	Los Angeles 450 North Curson Avenue, Owns home valued at \$4266, Marital Status: Widowed.
Address:	1948	Los Angeles 1209 So. Highland, downstairs
Accomplishments:		Sandy remembered that Mollie made "... wonderful stuffed cabbage, noodle kugel, and rugalach."
Highest Grade completed:		6th
Language Spoken:		Yiddish and English
Literate:		Yes

Children of Morris Berger and Mollie Levy:

+ 2 m I. **William Berger** was born in New York on March 14, 1906. He was also known as **Bill**.



William

William died in Simi Valley, Ventura County, California, on January 05, 2000, at the age of 93.

+ 3 f II. **Bertha Evelyn Berger** was born in Manhattan on February 15, 1908. She was also known as **Bert**.



Bertha

Bertha Evelyn died in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, on June 12, 1954, at the age of 46.

+ 4 m III. **Milton J Berger** was born in New York on September 29, 1909. He was also known as **Milt**.



Milton

Milton J died in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, on July 15, 1997, at the age of 87.

- + 5 m IV. **Edward Abraham Berger** was born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, on May 25, 1911. He was also known as **Eddie**. Edward Abraham died in Los Angeles on July 13, 2007, at the age of 96.



Edward



Figure 1: Morris and Mollie Berger's origin and history of Lask.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 2: Azriel Levy about 1905.

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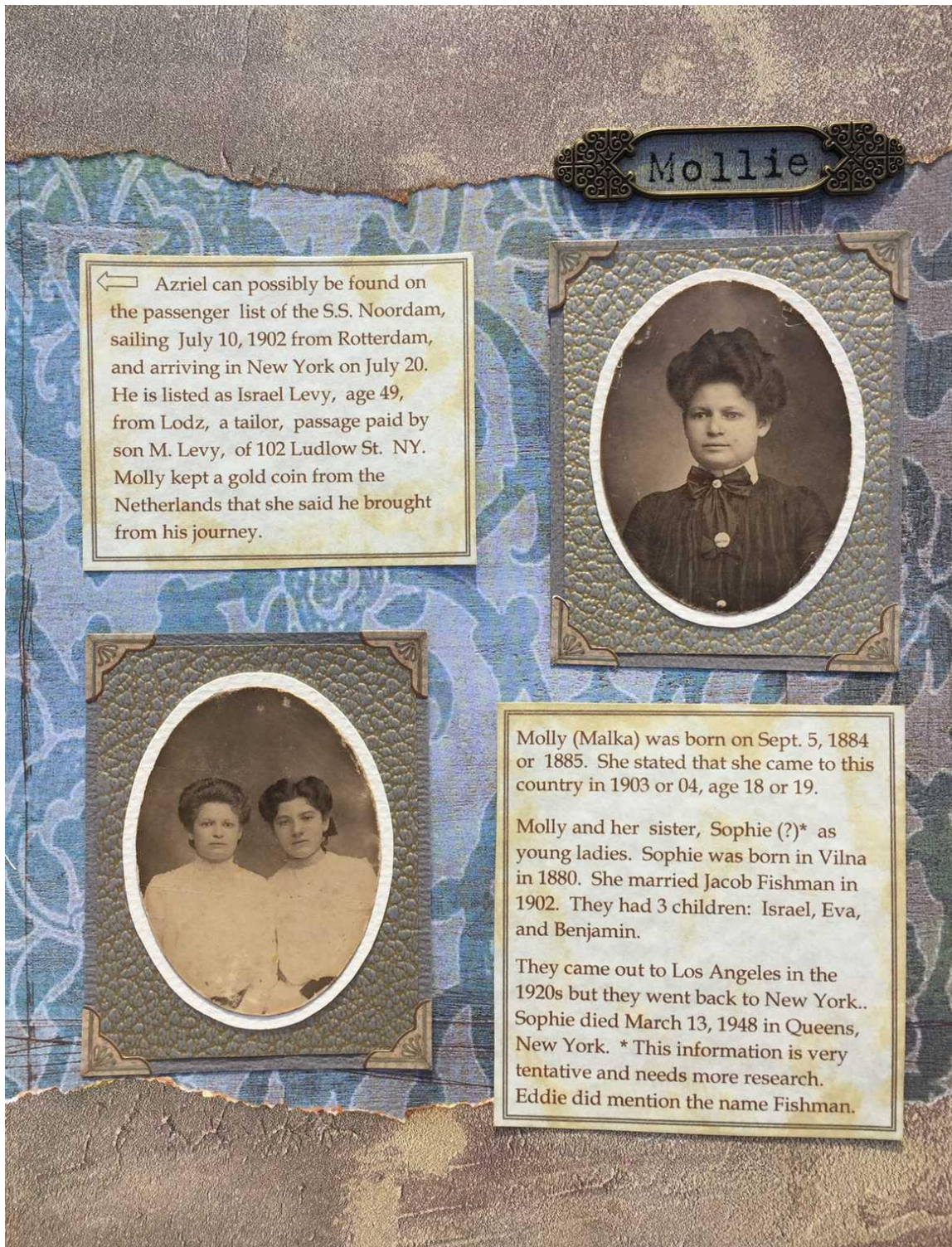


Figure 3: Azriel Levy's immigration and history of the Levy sisters: Mollie, Lena and Sophie. "This information is very tentative and needs more research. Eddie did mention the name Fishman." Per Sandra Fernandez and Edward Berger.

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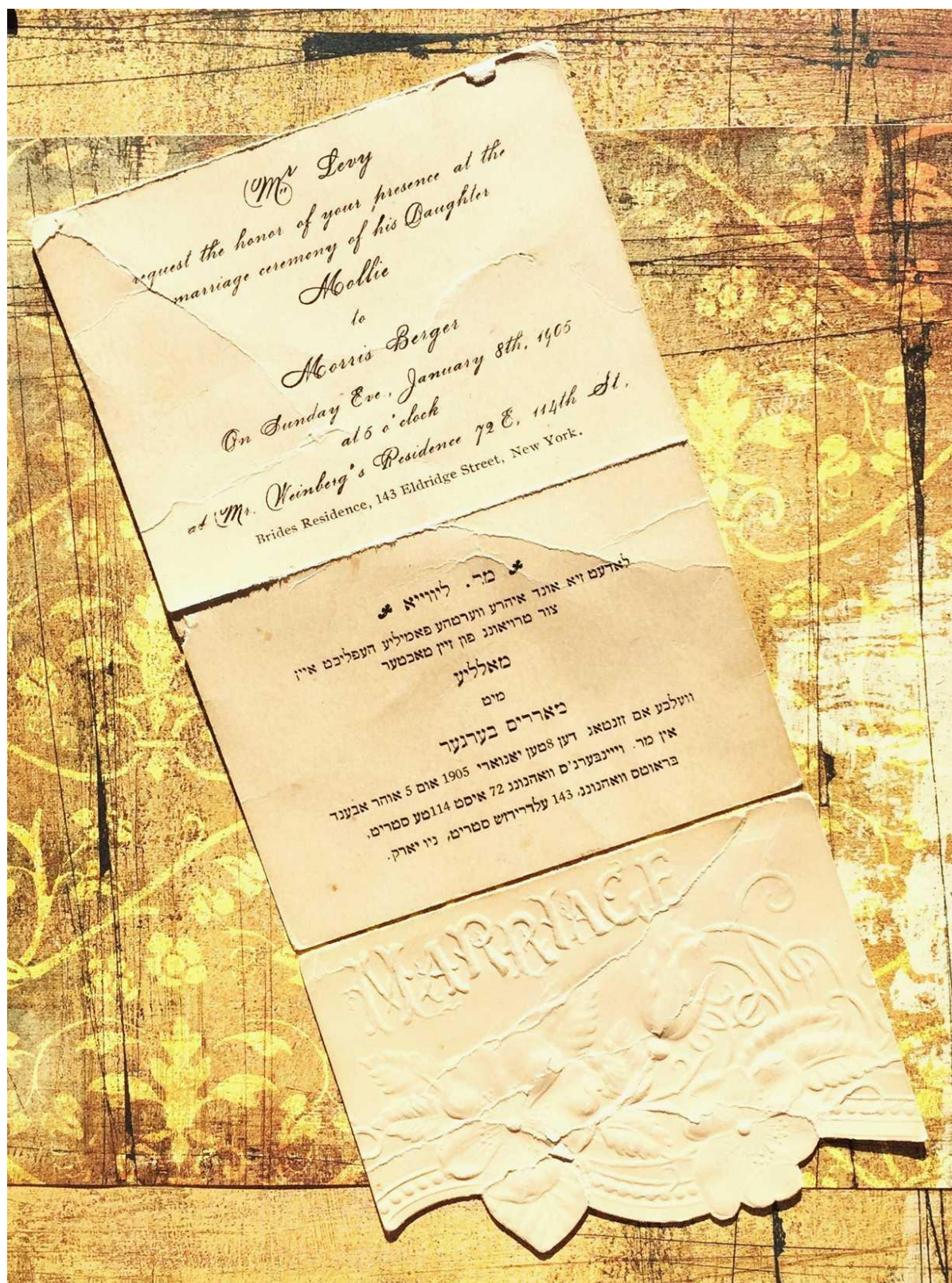


Figure 5: Morris Berger and Mollie Levy's marriage announcement.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.

10 H-1904
THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

STATE OF NEW YORK.
CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

No. of Certificate.
1223

OF
Morris Berger and *Malka Levy*

Groom's Residence	<i>210 East 117th St</i>	Bride's Residence	<i>74 Orchard St</i>
Age	<i>23 years</i>	Age	<i>20 years</i>
Color	<i>white</i>	Color	<i>white</i>
Single, Widowed or Divorced	<i>Single</i>	Single, Widowed or Divorced	<i>Single</i>
Occupation	<i>Tailor</i>	Maiden Name, if a Widow	
Birthplace	<i>Lask, Poland</i>	Birthplace	<i>Lask, Poland</i>
Father's Name	<i>Woeff Berger</i>	Father's Name	<i>Agriel Levy</i>
Mother's Maiden Name	<i>Rivka (Rachel)</i>	Mother's Maiden Name	<i>Bertha B. Berkovitz</i>
Number of Groom's Marriage	<i>first</i>	Number of Bride's Marriage	<i>first</i>

I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at *72 East 114th St* (Street), in the Borough of *Manhattan*, City of New York, this *9th* of *January*, 190*5*.

Witnesses to the Marriage: *Jacob Kerner* and *Jacob Vigner*

Signature of person performing the Ceremony: *J. Till*
Official Station: *Reverend*
Residence: *102 East 117th St*

Figure 6: Morris Berger and Malka Levy marriage, 9 Jan 1905, New York.

WE hereby certify that we are the Groom and Bride named in this Certificate, and that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Morris Berger Groom
M Malka Levy Bride

Signed in the presence of *Jacob Kerner* and *Jacob Vigner*

It shall be the duty of the clergymen, magistrates and other persons who perform the marriage ceremony to keep a registry of the marriages celebrated by them. * * * * *

Every person authorized by law to perform the marriage ceremony shall register his or her name and address in the office of the Bureau of Records (Sec. 158, Sanitary Code).

It shall be the duty of every person required to make or keep any such registry, of * * * * *, marriage * * * * * to present to the Bureau of Records a copy of such registry signed by such person * * * * * within ten days after the * * * * * marriage * * * * * which shall thereupon be placed on file in the said Bureau (Sec. 161, Sanitary Code).

N. B.—Sec. 1230, Chap. 466, Laws of 1901, makes the failure to report within ten days a written copy of the registry of the marriages provided to be registered a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Figure 7: Morris Berger and Malka Levy marriage, 9 Jan 1905, New York.

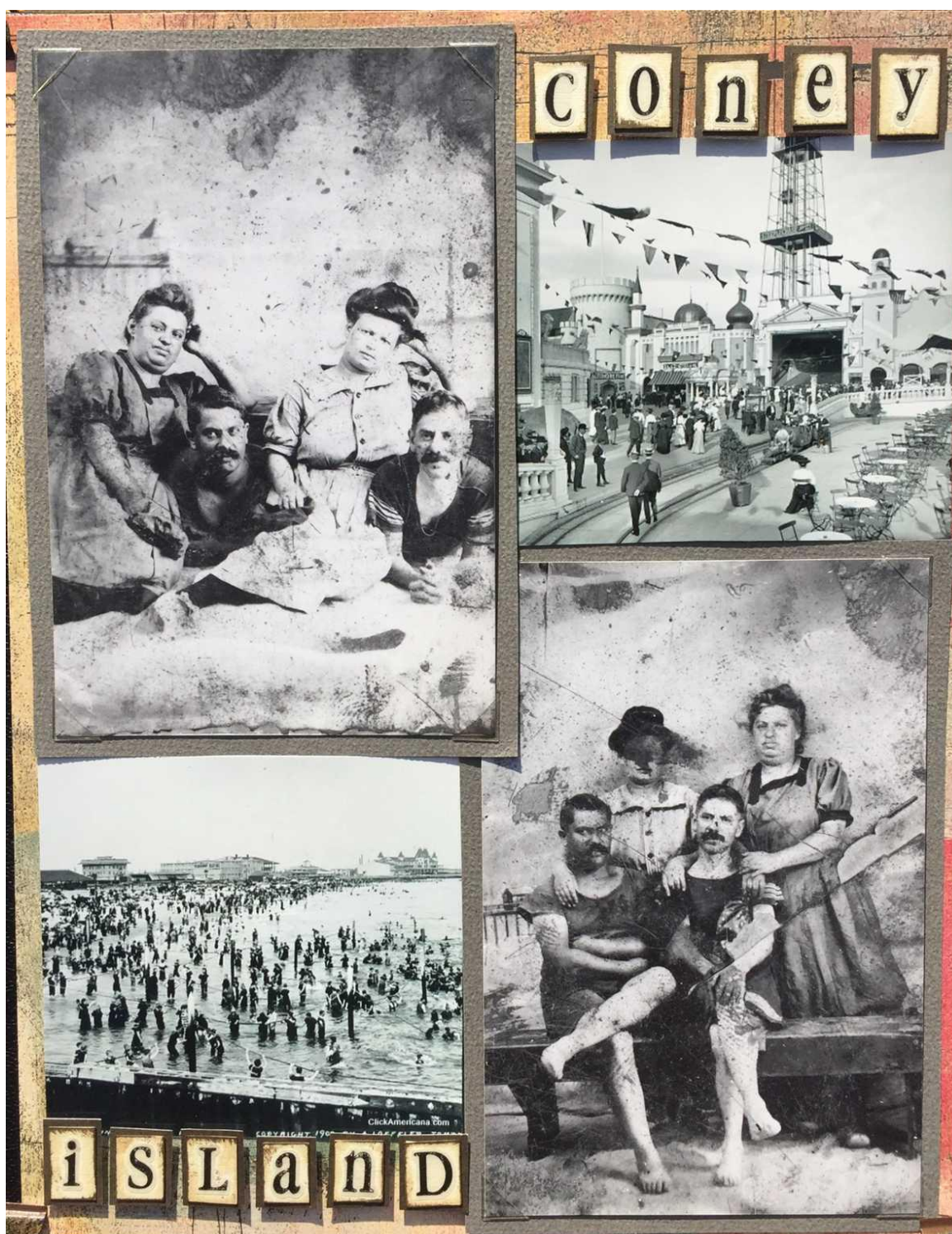


Figure 8: Morris and Mollie Berger with Morris' sister and husband Annie and Jacob Keppler at Coney Island(?) around 1905. Reproduced from the original daguerreotypes that were in very poor condition.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.

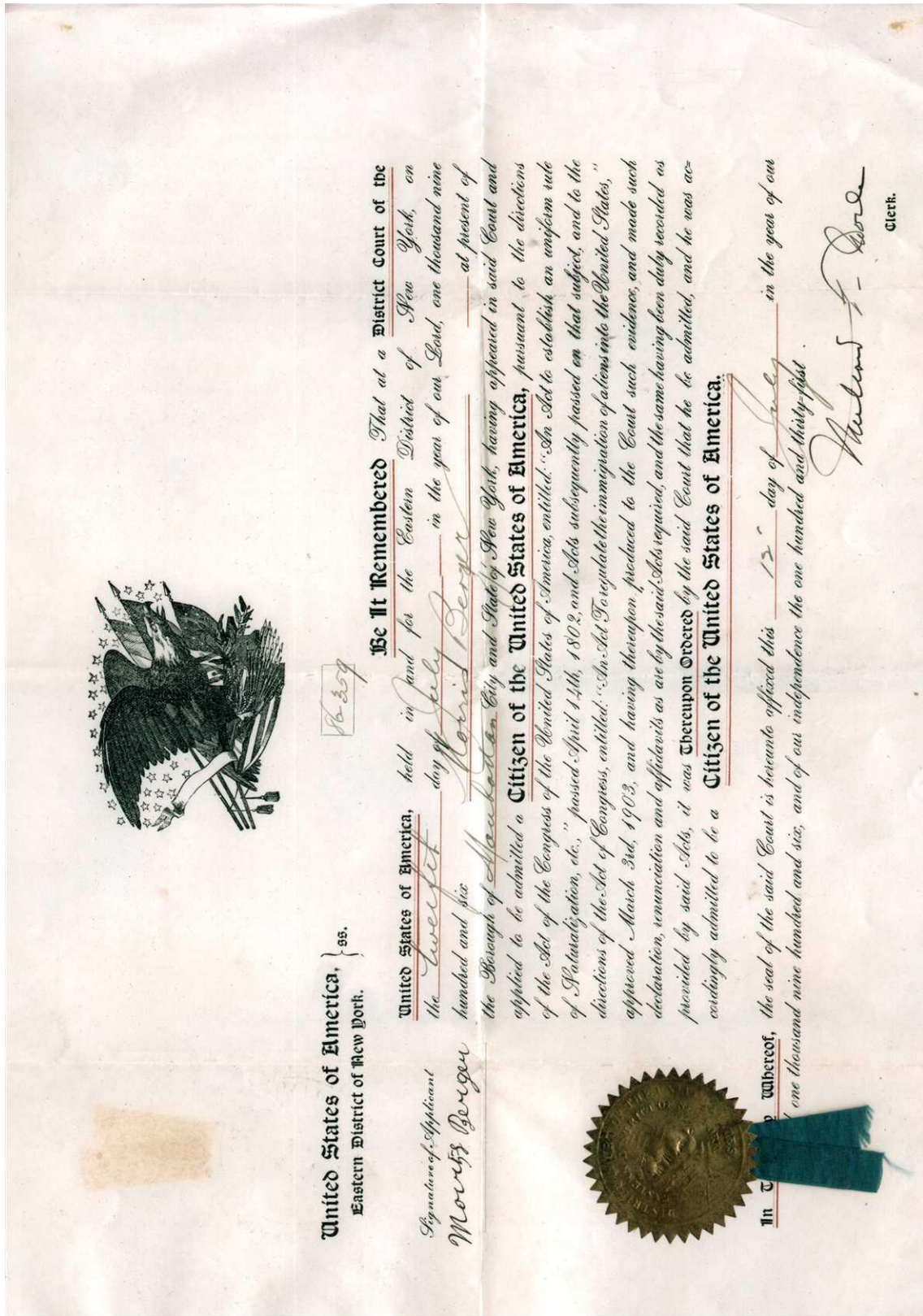


Figure 9: Morris Berger's Certificate of Citizenship.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.

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PETITION

July 12 1906

----- A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The above named petitioner, being a free white person over twenty-one years of age, hereby petitions to be admitted a citizen of the United States, and avers that two years or more have elapsed since he declared his intention to become such citizen, and that his declaration is hereto annexed and marked "Exhibit A" of this date.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me

day of

1006

Petitioner.

11 Dec 1896

Robert M. Kinney
Robert M. Kinney County, N. Y.

IN THE MATTER OF)
TESTIMONY ON REFERENCE.

admitted a citizen of the United States.....
 Leik Brootsky..... being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he resides at
 "Kinnight"..... Street Borough of Brooklyn, Manhattan..... City of New
 York..... that he is a citizen of the United States.....

York, _____ and is by occupation, _____, _____
United States, is personally acquainted with the above named _____, _____
year; that the petitioner is by occupation _____ and resides at No. _____
_____ City of New York; _____ that he personally

[illegible]

and that during the time of deponent's acquaintance with petitioner, said petitioner was believed as a person of good order and character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the laws and order and happiness of the same; that it is his belief that the petitioner does not disbelieve in, nor is he opposed to all organized governments; that he is not a member of or affiliated with any organization entangling or teaching such disbelief in or opposition to all governments; that he does not advocate or teach the duty, necessity, or propriety of the unlawful overthrow of the Government of the United States.

has violated any of the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1903.

Sworn to before me this 22 day of July, 1966.

Leila Charlotte Kelly

Witness.

J. Edgar Hoover
Commissioner.

being unborn, deposes and says, that he is the above named petitioner for admission as a Citizen of the United States, and that he was born in England on or about the 25 day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty that he emigrated to the United States landing at the Port of New York on the 17 day of January 1884.

in the State of New York, upon about the 05
A. D. 1981; that he now resides at No. 279 E. 61st Street, in the Borough of Manhattan,
City of New York; that he has resided continuously
since the date of this affidavit, to wit: since _____.

Jonathan D. Muckelbauer in *Muckelbauer v. Wright*

[illegible]

...that he has not violated any of the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1903.

Sworn to before me this 12 day of _____ 1900

Petitioner, _____

[illegible]

J. F. P. M.
Commissioner.



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
Morris Berger
TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

REPORT
Filed *July 12* 1906

To the Honorable the Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of New York:

In Pursuance of orders of reference of this Court, entered October 1, 1902 and March 8, 1905, I, the undersigned Commissioner, do respectfully report:

That I have been attended on reference by the petitioner and his witnesses, who have been by me orally examined, and have reduced to writing the facts offered by the said petitioner, which are hereto annexed, and have made careful inquiry into all matters provided for in the act of Congress entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1903.

And I find and report thereon that the said petitioner has complied with the requirements of the acts of Congress in regard to the admission of citizens. I further find that the said petitioner can speak *freely* and read *on* write the English language intelligently.

Dated *July 12* 1906

Commissioner.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND ORDER OF COURT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. { ss.
Eastern District of New York,
do hereby certify that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity owing to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly the
Empire of Russia
of whom I have been heretofore a subject. So help me God.

Sworn in open court, this *12th* day of *July* 1906.

Morris Berger
of *July 12* 1906
Clerk.

At a Scaled Term of the District Court of the United States of America, held in the Eastern District of New York, at the U. S. Court House and P. O. Building in the Borough of Manhattan, in the County of New York, this *12th* day of *July* 1906, one thousand nine hundred and six.

Present—The Honorable EDWARD R. THOMAS,
District Judge.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
Morris Berger
TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The above-named applicant being duly sworn, he is admitted a Citizen of the United States pursuant to the directions of the Act of Congress of the United States of America, entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved March 3, 1903, and the directions of the Act of Congress of the United States of America, entitled "An Act to amend the act of Congress of the United States of America, approved March 3, 1903, relating to the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved April 14, 1904, and appearing personally in Court, producing such evidence in support of his application as the Court deems proper, and the Court is of the opinion that the said applicant is a person of good moral character, and that the said applicant be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

By order of the Court,
H. T. Dale
Clerk.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
COUNTY OF KINGS,
Be it Remembered, That on the *28th* day of *July* 1906, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and *three*, personally appeared *Jaqupa Schachtman* in the County Court of Kings County, State of New York (said Court being a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction, a Clerk and a Seal), and made his Declaration of Intention to become a Citizen of the United States of America, in the words following, to wit:

STATE OF NEW YORK, } ss.
COUNTY OF KINGS,
"I, *Jaqupa Schachtman* do declare on oath, that it is *bona fide* my Intention to become a Citizen of the United States of America, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *Empire of Russia* of whom I am now a subject (and that I arrived in the United States on the *6th* day of *June* 1899).

Sworn to this *28th* day of *July* 1903, *Jaqupa Schachtman*
of *July* 1903, Residence *86 Belmont St.*
Charles T. Hartzheim
Clerk.

IN ATTESTATION WHEREOF, and that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Declaration of Intention remaining of record in my office, I, CHARLES T. HARTZHEIM, Clerk of the said Court, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court, this *28th* day of *July* 1903.

Charles T. Hartzheim
Clerk.

Figure 11: Morris Berger's Declaration of Intention for Citizenship - page 2.

B626

Family Name BERGER		Given Name or Names MORRIS	
Title and Location of Court U. S. DISTRICT COURT, BROOKLYN, N.Y.			
Date of Naturalization JULY 12 1906	Volume or Bundle No. 86	Page No. —	Copy of Record No. 359
Address of Naturalized Person 229 E 121 ST NYC			
Occupation TAILOR	Birth Date or Age OCT 25 1882	Former Nationality RUSSIAN	
Port of Arrival in the United States NYC		Date of Arrival JAN 17 1901	
Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses To Naturalization			
1	LEIB POVDOTSAV 11 RIVINGTON ST		
2	RABBI NYC		

Figure 12: Morris Berger's Naturalization Index Card record B626.



Figure 13: Morris Berger colorized/restored.
Source: Joshua Berger.



Figure 14: Morris Berger and Bert abt.1913.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

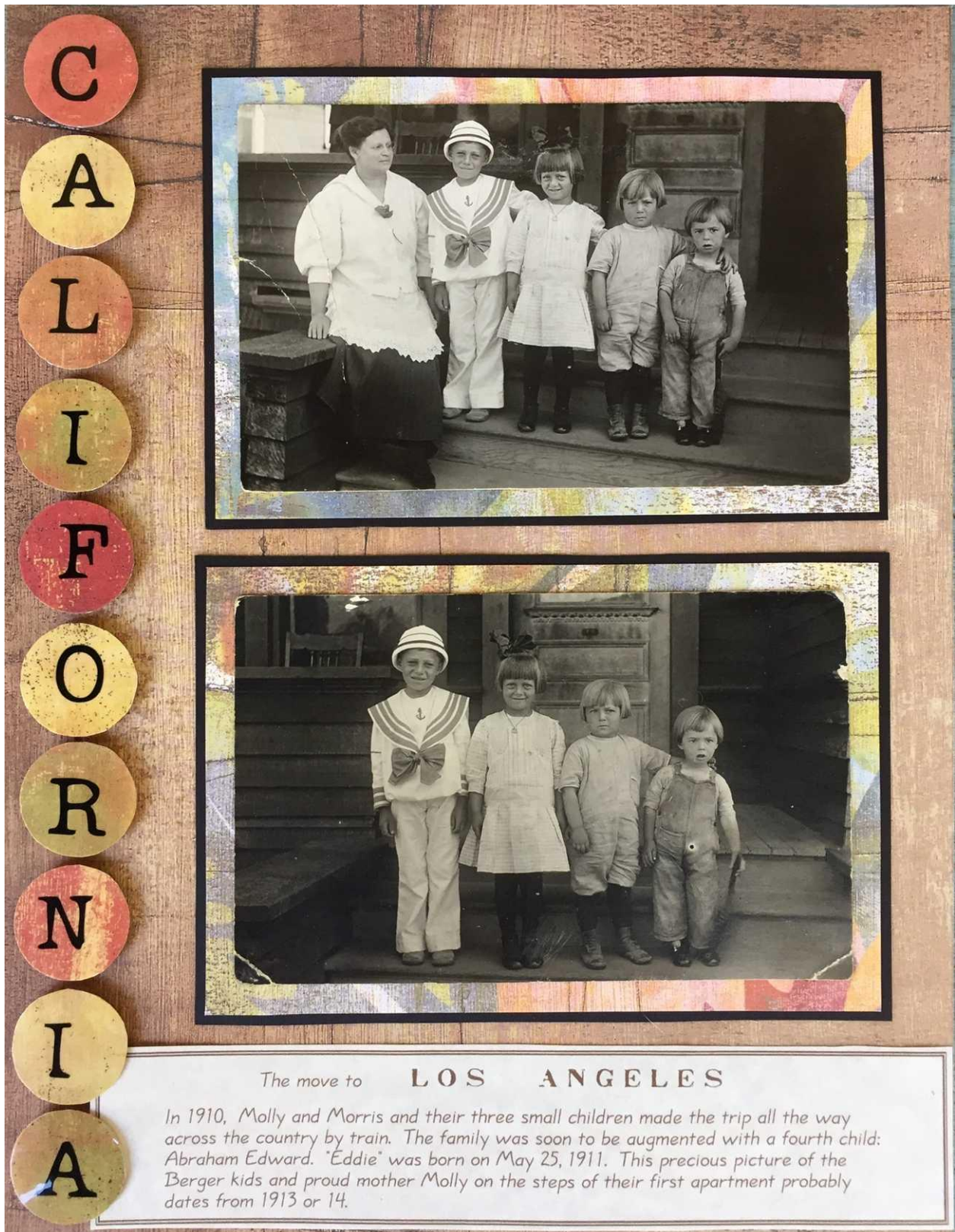


Figure 15: Mollie, Willie, Bert, Milton and Eddie Berger.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.

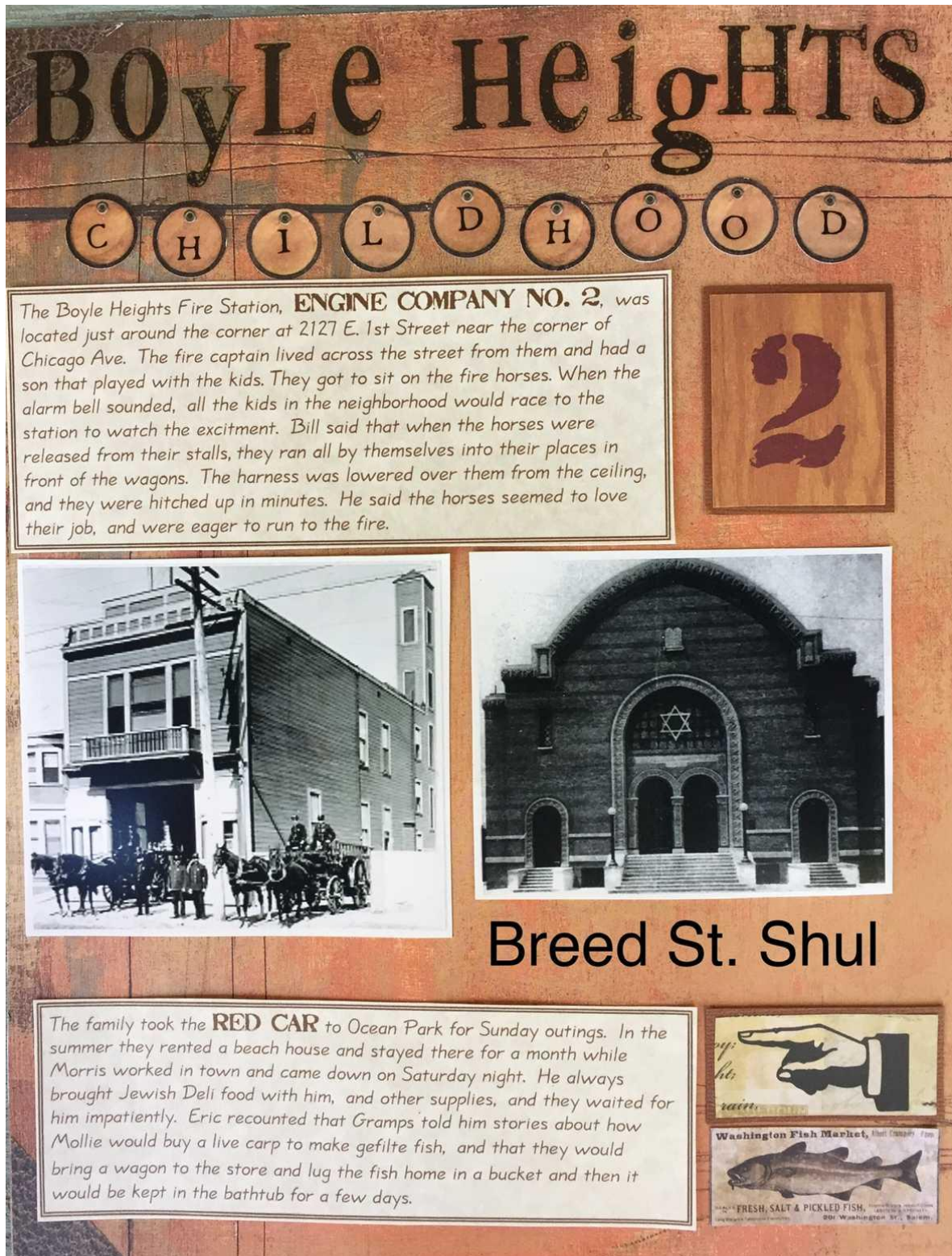

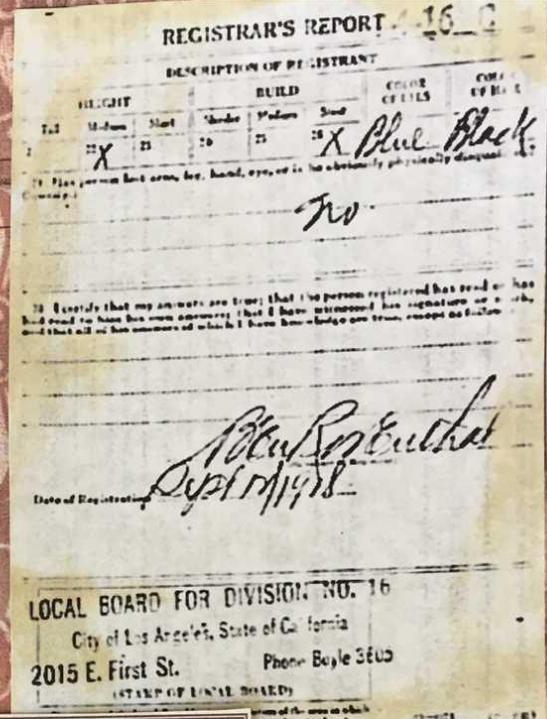


Figure 16: Berger family in Boyle Heights with Bill and Eddie Berger's memories.
Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



REGISTRATION CARD

Serial No. 3470
Morris - Berger
 2126 E 2nd St. La. Cal.
 Date of Birth: 34 Oct 15 1883
 RACE: ☒ White ☐ Negro ☐ Oriental ☐ Chinese ☐ Indian ☐ Japanese
 U.S.C. 11224 ☒ ALIEN
 Present Occupation: Tailor
 Employer's Name: Moss Tailoring Co.
 744 So. L.A. St. La. Cal.
 Mollie Berger
 2126 E 2nd St. La. Cal.
 Morris Berger



REGISTRAR'S REPORT 16

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BUILD	COMPLEXION	COLORED EYES	COLORED HAIR
5' 10"	150	Medium	Dark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black

21. Has person lost arms, leg, hand, eye, or is he otherwise physically disabled?
☒ No

22. Certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or have said that all of the answers of which I have been a judge are true, except as I state.


Blair R. Bucher
 Date of Registration: Sept 11/18

LOCAL BOARD FOR DIVISION NO. 16
 City of Los Angeles, State of California
 2015 E. First St. Phone Boyle 3805
 (SEAL OF LOCAL BOARD)

The Carnegie Library was around the corner from them on 1st Street also. They would study there.

On Halloween the boys played pranks, and there was a man that always mean and yelled at them, so they tipped over his outhouse.

Morris attended the High Holy Days services at the Breed Street Shul near Brooklyn Ave. The kids did not go in, but they played outside in the street with the other children. Bill said that his father was not much in favor of organized religion, going to temple only a few times a year.



TIME, n. [A.-S. *tīma*, for *tīhama*, fr. *tīhan*, to say.] 1. A particular period or part of duration. 2. An opportunity. 3. Duration of one's life. 4. Age; period. 5. Repetition. 6. *pl.* State of things at a particular period. 7. The present life. 8. Measure of sounds; tone. — *v. t.* [-ED; -ING.] 1. To adapt to the occasion. 2. To regulate as to time. 3. To ascertain the time or rate of.

The 1920 Census shows that the family was still at this location when Bill was 13, Bertha 11, Milton 10, and Eddie 8. Molly had a white cat, indoors, and they had a succession of dogs, outdoors.

They sold the Boyle Heights house for \$3000, and moved to Walnut Park. Bill drew up plans for their new house and contracted out the construction, supervising the work. The home and/or Tailor Shop was located at 7914 Seville Street, and they had moved there by 1930.




Figure 17: Morris Berger and family history, address and shul - 1920-1930.
 Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.

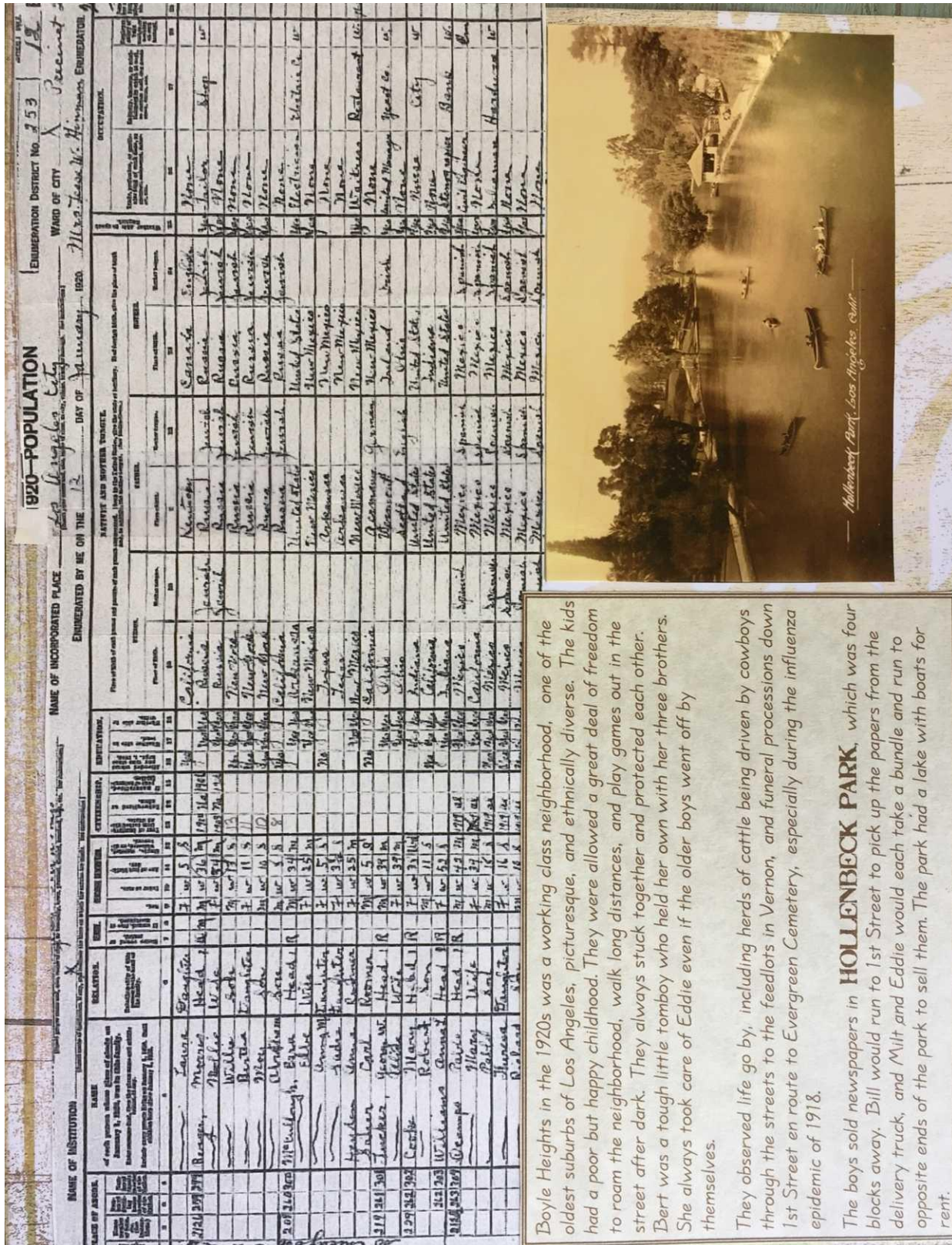


Figure 18: Morris Berger and family's 1920 census and description of Boyle Heights.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 19: Morris Berger and family's house in Boyle Heights. "This was their first "big" house, that they were able to buy. It was located at 2126 E. 2nd Street, the last house before Chicago Ave. It had a large cellar where ma used to store her canned goods and the children loved to play there. This photo was taken by Bill in the 1960s and there was still a vacant lot on the corner. It is still standing 2017, and appears to be well kept."

Per Sandy and William Berger.

Source: Sandra Fernandez.

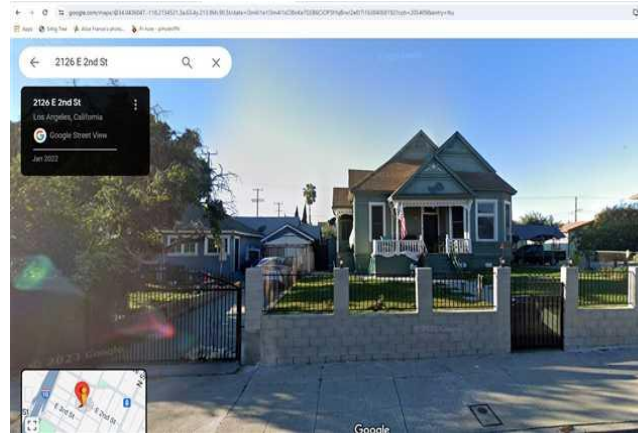


Figure 20: Morris Berger's family residence abt 1910-1920, 2126 E 2nd Street Boyle Heights Los Angeles, California USA as of 2022.



Figure 21: Morris Berger family's residence starting about 1928. Located at 7914 Seville Ave, Walnut Park, Ca. It was designed by William Berger as both a tailor shop and their home. Photo was taken about 2023.



Figure 22: Mollie Levy abt 1925.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 24: Mollie Levy.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 23: Morris, Eddie (in car) and Mollie
née Levy Berger, (possibly Milton in back).
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 25: Morris and Milton Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 26: Morris and Mollie Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 27: Morris Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 28: Eddie and mother Mollie Berger in
Yosemite 1931.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 29: Morris Berger with daughter Bert
and Joe Karpeles in Yosemite 1931.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 30: Morris Berger's Last known photo.
Morris died of a sudden heart attack during
the night of 11 October 1931, just a few days
before his 49th birthday.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 31: Morris Berger's headstone in Mt.
Zion Cemetery - Plot 59-03, Los Angeles CA.



Figure 32: Bert née Berger, Mollie née Levy,
Judith née Karpeles (baby), Lena née Levy
1936.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 33: Mollie Levy and granddaughter
Judy Karpeles.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 34: Bill Berger with his mother Mollie, sister Bert, and niece Judy.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 35: Mollie Levy and Grandchildren: Judy Karpeles and Melvin Berger abt 1944.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

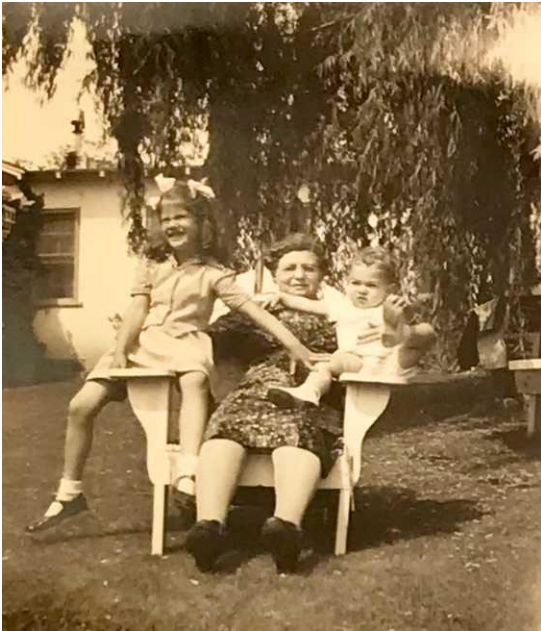


Figure 36: Mollie née Levy with her grandchildren Judy Karpeles and Mel Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 37: Milton Berger with his son Mel and mother Mollie in front of Curson home.
Source: Joshua Berger. Location identification by Judith Cornell.



Figure 38: Judy Karpeles with her mother Bert and grandmother Mollie.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 39: L>R, Bill Berger, Mollie née Levy, Mildred née Fox, Judy Karpeles, Leon Levy's son, Lena née Levy, abt 1947.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 40: About 1946: Top L->R: Joe and Judy Karpeles, Cousin Leon from Europe (relative of Mollie), Middle L->R: Bert, Mel, Front L->R: Phyllis, Mollie, Sandy.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



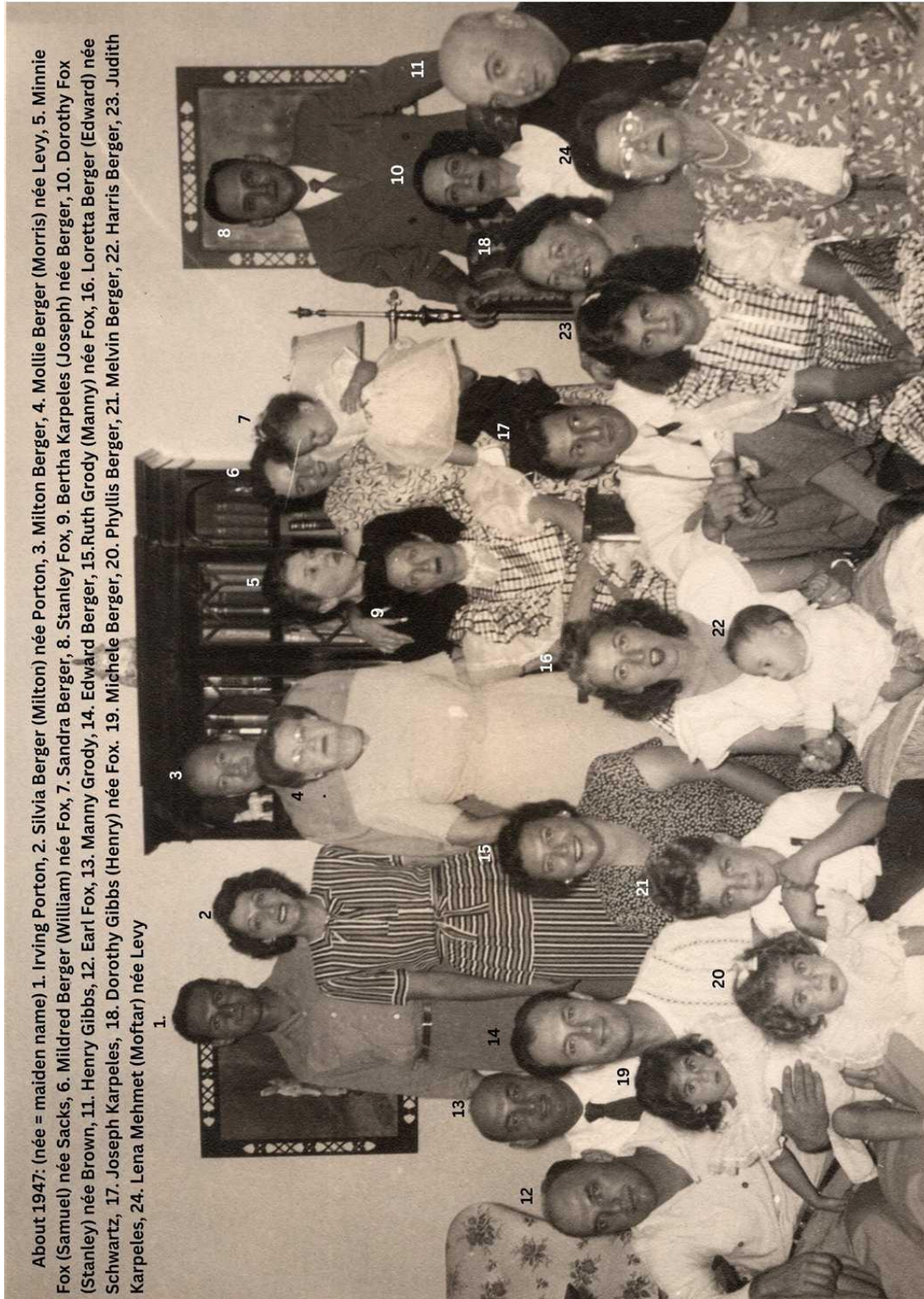
Figure 41: Mollie Levy with her grandchildren.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 42: Berger extended family about 1947.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett. Identifications by Judith Cornell and Sandra Fernandez.



About 1947: (née = maiden name) 1. Irving Porton, 2. Silvia Berger (Milton) née Porton, 3. Milton Berger, 4. Mollie Berger (Morris) née Levy, 5. Minnie Fox (Samuel) née Sacks, 6. Mildred Berger (William) née Fox, 7. Sandra Berger, 8. Stanley Fox, 9. Bertha Karpeles (Joseph) née Berger, 10. Dorothy Fox (Stanley) née Brown, 11. Henry Gibbs, 12. Earl Fox, 13. Manny Grody, 14. Edward Berger, 15. Ruth Grody (Manny) née Fox, 16. Loretta Berger (Edward) née Schwartz, 17. Joseph Karpeles, 18. Dorothy Gibbs (Henry) née Fox, 19. Michele Berger, 20. Phyllis Berger, 21. Melvin Berger, 22. Harris Berger, 23. Judith Karpeles, 24. Lena Mehmet (Mofar) née Levy

Figure 43: Berger, Porton and Karpeles families about 1947.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett. Identifications by Judith Cornell.



About 1949: (née =maiden name) 1. Leon's son (Levy?), 2. Mollie Berger (Morris) née Levy, 3. Leon (is this the same as Israel Levy?) 4. Judith Karpeles, 5. Celia Schwartz (Irving) née ? 6. Irving Schwartz, 7. Mildred Schwartz (Milton) née R., 8. Milton Schwartz, 9. Silvia Berger (Milton) née Porton, 10. Milton Berger, 11. Clarice Mandelbaum (Lenny) née Schwartz, 12. Lenny Mandelbaum, 13. Lena Mehmet (Murtar) née Levy, 14. Stephan Schwartz (son of Irving and Celia) 15., Herbie Schwartz (son of Milton and Mildred R.), 16. Mildred Berger (William) née Fox, 17. Sandra Berger, 18. Bertha Karpeles (Joseph) née Berger, 19. Joseph Karpeles, 20. F. ? Marias (Loretta's mother), 21. Harris Berger, 22. Samuel Schwartz, 23. Edward Berger, 24. Loretta Berger (Edward) née Schwartz, 25. Perry Schwartz (son of Milton and Mildred R.), 26, 27. Michele Berger, 28. Harris Berger, 29. Phyllis Berger.

Figure 44: Berger, Schwartz and Karpeles Families about 1949.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett. Identifications by Judith Cornell and Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 45: Berger Cousins with Grandmother Mollie, back: Mel, Mollie, Judy, Front: Michele, Sandy, Phyllis abt 1947.
Colorized with software. Source: Joshua Berger.



Figure 46: Mollie and her sister Lena Levy in Solvang.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 47: Brothers Milton and Bill Berger with their mother Mollie.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 48: Brothers Milton and Eddie Berger with mother Mollie in Solvang.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



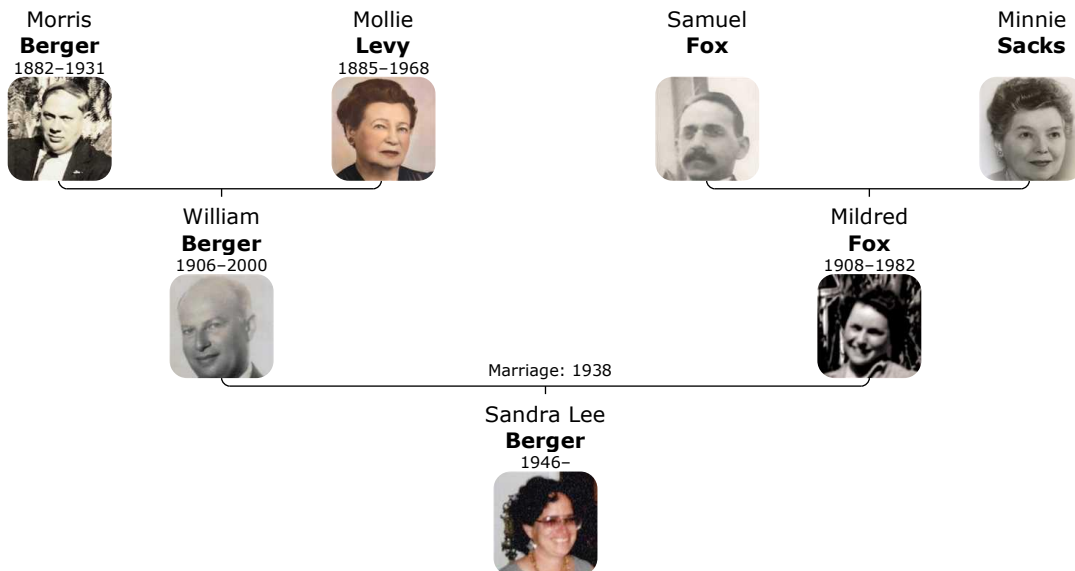
Figure 49: Berger Family L>R. Phyllis, Milton, Silvia née Porton, Mel, Michele Berger, Harris, Mollie née Levy, Edward, Loretta née Schwartz, Bill, Sandy, Mildred née Fox, Lena née Levy (Mollie's sister).

Source: Eric Germansky.

Families of his Descendants

1st Generation

Family of William Berger and Mildred Fox



2. **William Berger** was born on Wednesday, March 14, 1906, in New York, New York County, New York, USA. in the family home at 303 E. 3rd St.



William Berger

Mollie always insisted that Feb 18, 1906 was the correct date of birth. They didn't make a report of birth until April 4, 1906, as related to Sandy by Bill or Eddie Berger. Per Sandy, "My Dad's legal name was Willie! I think it was a clerical misspelling of Vili, a common Polish name, which means Wolf in Yiddish, so he was named after his grandfather Wolf, who must have been deceased at that point, 1906. Mollie NEVER called him William or Bill, I remember always "Villie"! " He was the son of Morris Berger (1) and Mollie Levy. He was also known as **Bill**.

William worked as a partner in the Berger Brothers Clothing Store, located at 2662 Santa Ana Street in South Gate, Los Angeles County, California, in 1931. He worked as a draftsman and designer in various positions in Los Angeles between 1931 and 1941. He was a set Designer for Universal Studios 1931-Aug 1935, then Schulberg Studios, and later Warner Brothers Studio in Burbank, Los Angeles up to the end of 1941, making \$2535/yr.

William worked as a partner in the Berger Brothers Men's and Boy's Clothing Store at 6354 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys in March 1938. He worked as a partner in the Berger Brothers 1st Gardena Store located at 1024 Gardena Blvd. in Gardena between 1940 and 1953.

He served in the military in 1945. Per Sandra Fernandez, "Milt and Eddie avoided the draft as they had young children. My Dad had no children yet and he was drafted, but because of his draftsman qualifications he got into the Army Corps of Engineers and escaped combat. He was stationed originally in Albuquerque NM. My Mom remained with Mollie and continued teaching school."

William worked as a Real Estate Broker in 1950. He worked as a partner in the new Gardena department store located in the old Gardena Movie Theater at 1106 Gardena Blvd. in Gardena between 1954 and 1975.

Memories: Sandy shared that her father Bill had a small stroke in 1987. Sandy moved in with him for some time to help with his care. Eventually Bill moved to Simi Valley where Sandy had relocated. "Eddie and Milton would drive up once a week and take him out for lunch:)."

William died in Simi Valley, Ventura County, on January 05, 2000, at the age of 93. He was buried at Hillside Memorial Park in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, about January 05, 2000.

More facts and events for William Berger:

Education:	1920 - January 1925	Polytechnic High School, graduation 29 Jan 1925.
Residence:	1910	Los Angeles 1045 East 31st Street
Residence:	1920	Los Angeles 2126 East 2nd Street
Residence:	1930	Walnut Park 7914 South Seville Avenue
Residence:	1935 - 1940	Hollywood 448 1/2 Curson Ave (rents for \$45/mo.) in the 450 building on Curson Ave. Telephone Walnut.
Residence:	1950	Los Angeles 3973 Goodland
Description:		5'4, 122 pounds, light complexion, blue eyes, wears glasses.
Language Spoken:		English
Literate:		Yes

At the age of 32, William married **Mildred Fox** on Sunday, April 10, 1938, in Los Angeles when she was 30 years old. They were married by Rabbi Jehudah M Cohen and the marriage was witnessed by Milton Berger. They had one daughter.



Mildred Fox

Mildred was born in Maryland on Monday, February 03, 1908.

She was the daughter of Samuel Fox and Minnie Sacks. She was educated having had 2 years of college in the early 1940s.

Mildred worked as a Kindergarten Teacher in City Schools making about \$1600/yr between 1938 and 1940.

Memories: The Berger sisters-in-law Mildred née Fox and Silvia née Parton were 2nd cousins, (see family tree below). Per Sandy, "My grandmother Minnie Sacks and Fanny Rachmil were best friends since childhood back in Europe. When Fanny came to the US, she originally moved in with her sister Zelma Rachmil who was married to Maurice Blumenthal. Maurice signed witness to Minnie and Sam Fox's marriage. Fanny married Louis Porton. Minnie and Fanny were always close, and their daughters Mildred and Sylvia also spent time together, notably summers at the beach in Cape Charles Va. where Minnie's brother, Louis Sacks, had become a well-off lawyer and had a large mansion on the beach called Rosedale. It still exists today, and in fact my cousin Ada, who is Louis Sacks' granddaughter, visited the current owners just last year! So, when Mildred and Bill were dating, my mom Mildred introduced her cousin Sylvia to Milton:) They ended up getting married even before Mildred and Bill. Scandalously, Bill skipped out that year, 1938? to take a solo trip to Texas and New Orleans before deciding to marry my Mom!!!! Have no idea why or what the connection was but my Mom always maintained that he went to check out another girlfriend, lol:)."

Mildred reached 74 years of age and died in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, on March 22, 1982.

Daughter of William Berger and Mildred Fox:

+ 6 f I. **Sandra Lee Berger** was born in Los Angeles on August 18, 1946.



Sandra

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18-504
The City of New York.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

STATE OF NEW YORK.
CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF BIRTH

No. of Certificate, 6951

Name of Child *Willie Berger.*

Sex <i>Male</i>	Father's Occupation <i>Tailor</i>
Color <i>White</i>	Mother's Name <i>Molly Berger</i>
Date of Birth <i>March 14 / 06</i>	Mother's Name before Marriage <i>Molly Levy</i>
Place of Birth, Street and No. <i>303 E. 3rd St.</i>	Mother's Residence <i>303 E. 3rd St.</i>
Father's Name <i>Morris Berger</i>	Mother's Birthplace <i>Russia</i>
Father's Residence <i>303 E. 3rd St.</i>	Mother's Age <i>21 Yrs.</i>
Father's Birthplace <i>Russia</i>	Number of previous Children <i>0</i>
Father's Age <i>23 Yrs.</i>	How many now living (in all) <i>One</i>

Name and address of person making this report, *Louis Spawier*
Signature, *Louis Spawier*
Residence, *103 Cannon St. N. Y. City*

Date of Report, *April 4* 1906

Willie (Bill), their first child, was born on February 18, 1906, at home, 303 E. 3rd. St. They didn't make a report of the birth until April 4. The date of March 14 was never celebrated, and Molly always insisted that the February date was correct.

Figure 50: Willie Berger's Birth Certificate.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 51: Bill Berger abt 1907.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 52: "Bill with Bert. After Bills long blond curls were finally cut off, Mollie put them in a gold frame and saved them for the rest of her life." Per Sandy and William Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 53: "Bill with his violin. It is a child's size violin and a copy of Cremona," per Sandy Fernandez.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.

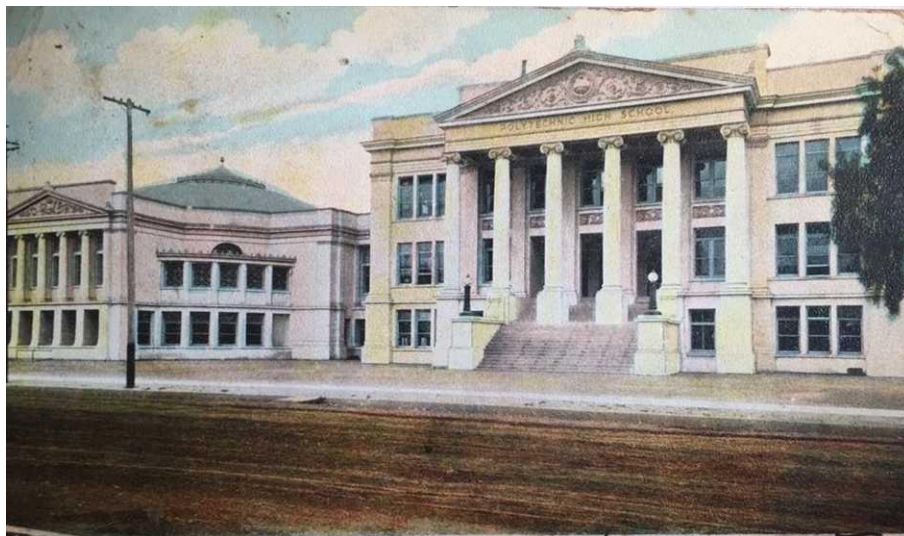


Figure 54: "Polytechnic High School, attended by Bill, Milton and Eddie (and Bert). The school was located at the corner of Washington Blvd. and Flower Street. They took the streetcar to school." Per William, Edward and Sandy Berger.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 55: Bill Berger graduation from Polytechnic High School.

Source: Sandra Fernandez.

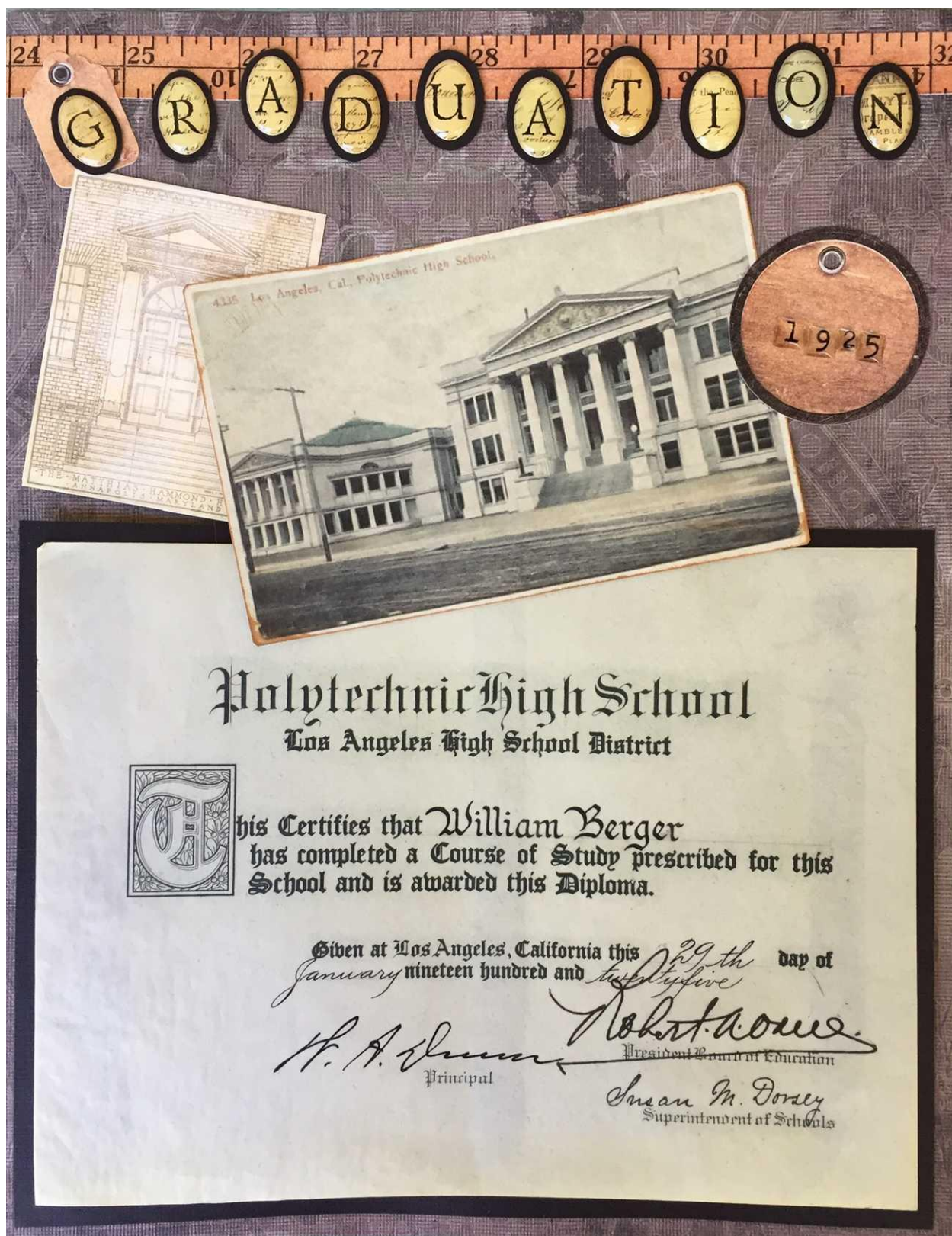


Figure 56: Bill Berger's Polytechnic 1925 High School Diploma.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 57: Bert and Bill Berger late 1920s.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 58: Bill and Bert Berger at ball park.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 59: Bill Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 60: Bill and Eddie Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 61: Mildred née Fox.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 62: Bill Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 63: Bill Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 64: Eddie and Bill Berger with baby
Judy Karpeles and father Joe's back.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

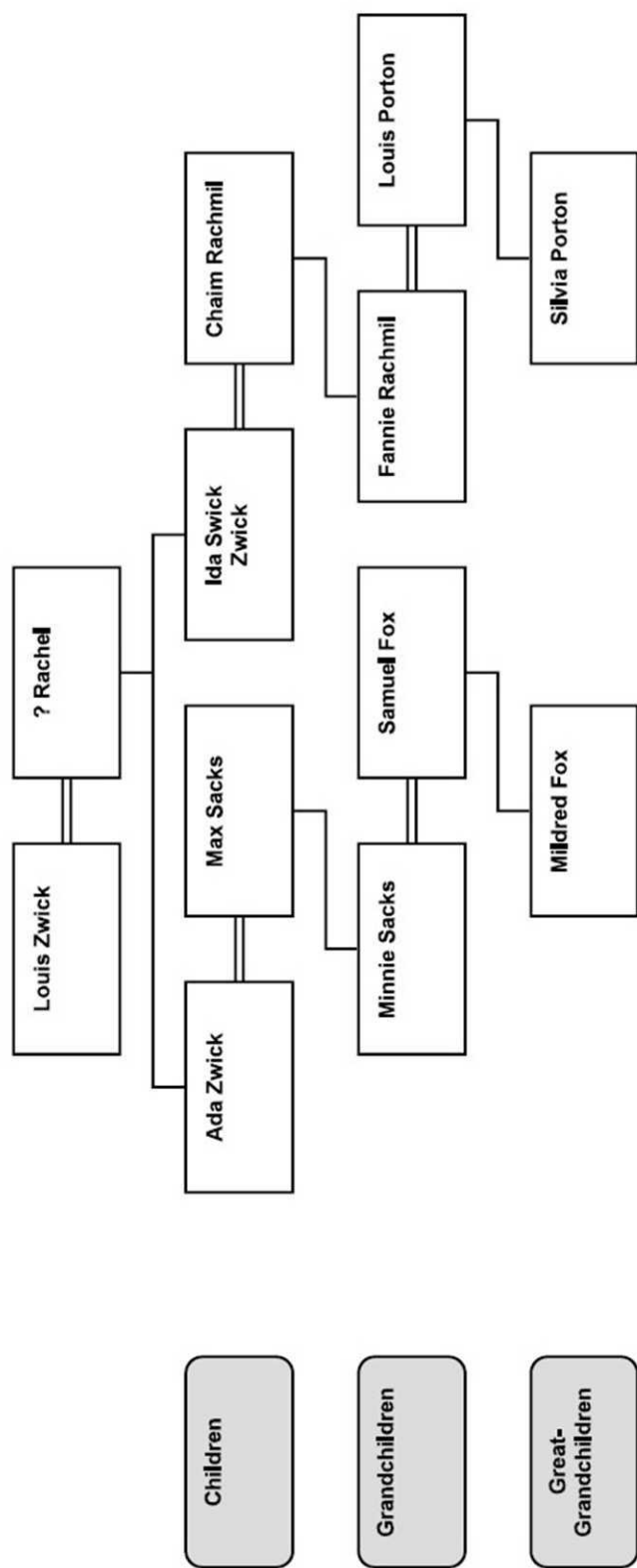


Figure 65: 2nd cousin relationship between Mildred Fox and Silvia Porton.

TO PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE—IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
Complete the original certificate and the certificate on separate vital statistics form and within three days after the ceremony file both, with license, with the Recorder. Fill out and certify the attached certificate copy, detach and hand to the parties. Do not fill out certificate on reverse side of this sheet. Names in certificates must be identical with names in license. "One or more" witnesses are required and one witness must sign the vital statistics certificate.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NO. 3759
BOOK 1504 PAGE 291
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

TO ANY JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, JUDGE OF ANY POLICE COURT, CITY RECORDER, PRIEST OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL OF ANY DENOMINATION:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED TO SOLEMNIZE, WITHIN SAID COUNTY,
THE MARRIAGE OF
WILLIAM BERGER, NATIVE OF N Y, COLOR OR RACE WHITE
AGED 32 YEARS, RESIDING AT Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA, AND
MILDRED FOX, NATIVE OF Md, COLOR OR RACE WHITE
AGED 30 YEARS, RESIDING AT Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA.

THE DULY VERIFIED WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE TO THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR
BEEN PRESENTED TO AND FILED BY ME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON THIS
APR 2 1938
L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY.

(This License May Be Used at Any Time But Only in Los Angeles County)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ORIGINAL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THE 10 DAY OF April, 1938
AT Los Angeles IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
UNDER AUTHORITY OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, I, THE UNDERSIGNED,
AS A Rabbi-Jewish Community Center, JOINED IN MARRIAGE
STATE OFFICIAL POSITION IF PRIEST OR MINISTER, STATE DENOMINATION
William Berger AND Mildred Fox
IN THE PRESENCE OF Milton Berger RESIDING AT 450 N. Carson.
CALIFORNIA, AND Edna Fox RESIDING AT 6570 W. 6th St
CALIFORNIA, WHO WITNESSED THE CEREMONY.
Schudah M. Cohen
SIGNATURE OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE.

APR 13 1938
ORIGINAL, FILED FOR RECORD
C. L. LOGAN, RECORDER, BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

Any officer or person who fails, neglects or refuses to perform any of the duties imposed upon him under the law concerning the registration of marriages shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished in the same manner as other misdemeanors. (See 2882 Political Code.) See information on margin.

Figure 66: William Berger and Mildred Fox's Marriage License, 10 April 1938.

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PLACE OF MARRIAGE California State Board of Health State Index No. _____
County of Los Angeles BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS Local Registered No. 5293
GROOM PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS BRIDE

1 FULL NAME William Berger		14 FULL NAME Mildred Fox	
2 RESIDENCE 450 N. Curson Ave., L.A.		15 RESIDENCE 6520 W. 6th St., L.A.	
3 COLOR OR RACE white	4 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 32 (Years)	16 COLOR OR RACE white	17 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 30 (Years)
5 SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED single	6 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 1st	18 SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED single	19 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 1st
7 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) New York		20 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Maryland	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Set Designer (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Studios		21 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Teacher (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)	
9 NAME OF FATHER Morris Berger		22 NAME OF FATHER Samuel Fox	
10 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Poland		23 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Maryland	
11 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mollie Levy		24 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Minnie Sacks	
12 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Poland		25 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Maryland	
26 MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED			

We, the groom and bride in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

William Berger 27 Groom **Mildred Fox** 28 Bride

30 CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING THE MARRIAGE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that **William Berger** and **Mildred Fox** were joined in marriage by me

in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at **Los Angeles**

this **10th** day of **April** 19**38**

31 Signature of Witness to the Marriage { **Milton Berger** Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony { **Jehudah M. Cohen**

Residence **450 N. Curson** Official position **Rabbi**

32 FILED **Apr 13 19 38** C. L. LOGAN, Recorder, Residence **127 S. Clark Dr.**

by **A.O. Sagar, Dep.** 13th day of **Apr.** 19 **38**

A full, true and correct copy of the original recorded this at 9 A.M.

By **C. L. LOGAN, Recorder,** Deputy

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M. Scharf Deputy County Clerk

Figure 67: William Berger and Mildred Fox's Marriage License, 10 April 1938 side 2.



Figure 68: Bert née Karpeles, Mildred née Fox, Minnie née Sacks, Silvia née Porton, Milton Berger, Dorothy née Fox and Judy Karpeles.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 69: Judy Karpeles with her Aunt Mildred.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 70: Mildred with nephew Mel Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 71: Minnie née Sacks, Mildred née Fox, Joe Karpeles, Dorothy née Fox, Bert née Berger, Milton Berger, Judy Karpeles.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

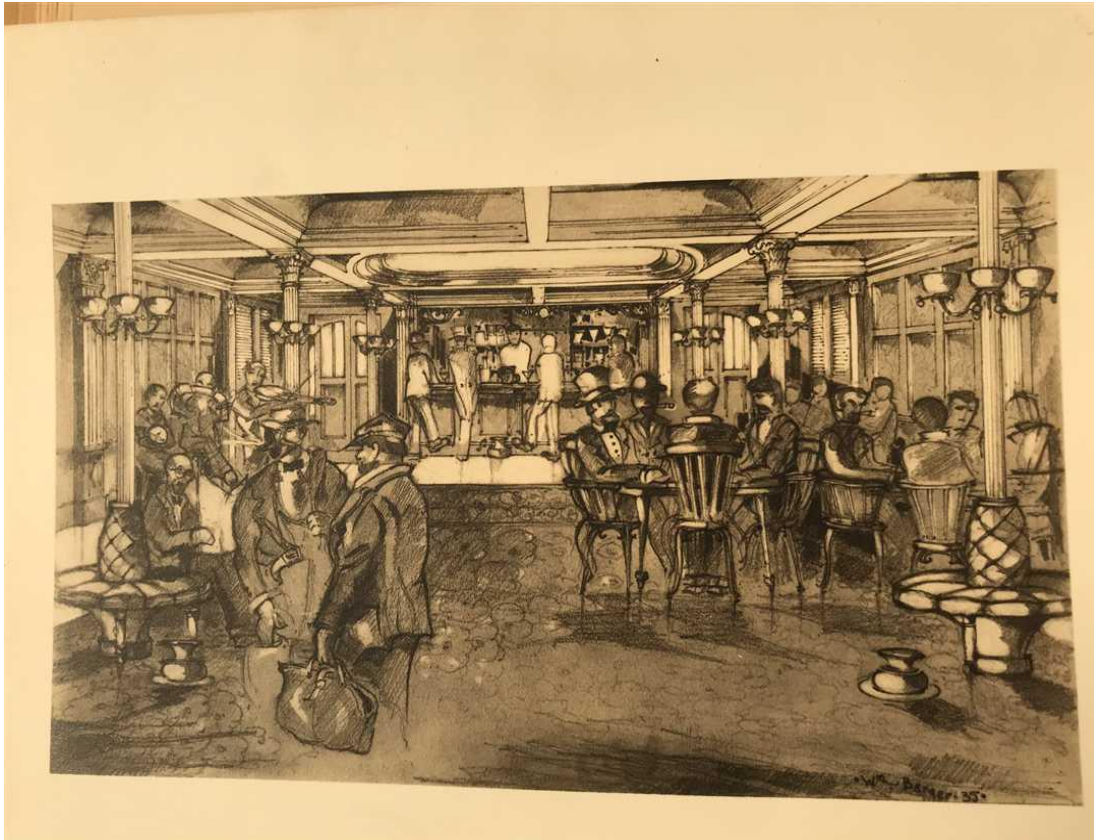


Figure 72: Bill Berger's set design renderings from film "Showboat" 1936 Universal.
Source: Joshua Berger.

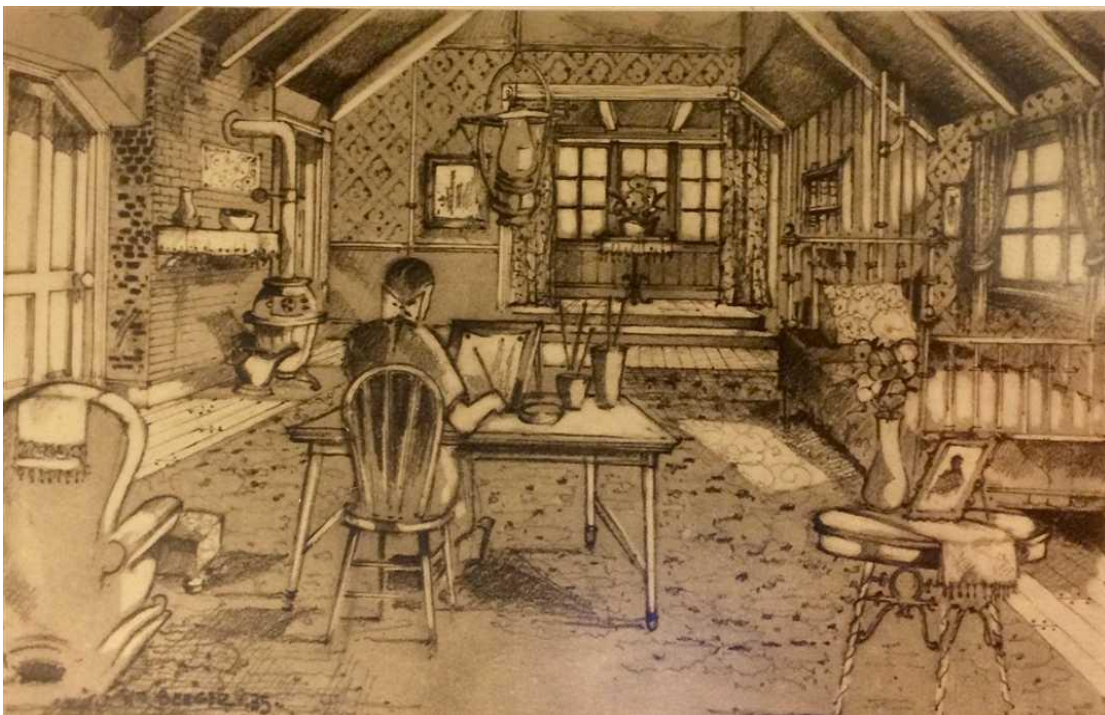


Figure 73: Bill Berger's set design renderings from film "Showboat" 1936 Universal.
Source: Joshua Berger.

SERIAL NUMBER 118	1. NAME (Print) William - Berger		ORDER NUMBER 1807
2. ADDRESS (Print) 4484 No. Cuyam St. Hollywood Los Angeles Calif			
3. TELEPHONE WAL 2-4	4. AGE IN YEARS 24	5. PLACE OF BIRTH New York City	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. William - Berger			
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife			
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 4484 No. Cuyam St. Hollywood Los Angeles Calif			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME WAYNE Bros. Studio			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Burbank Los Angeles Calif			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		16-17108 William Berger	

Figure 74: William Berger's Draft Card, order number 1807

REGISTRAR'S REPORT			
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Appears)	WEIGHT (Appears)	COMPLEXION
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5'4"	122	Sallow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negro <input type="checkbox"/>	Blue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blonde <input type="checkbox"/>	Light <input type="checkbox"/>
Oriental <input type="checkbox"/>	Gray <input type="checkbox"/>	Red <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruddy <input type="checkbox"/>
Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Hazel <input type="checkbox"/>	Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dark <input type="checkbox"/>
	Brown <input type="checkbox"/>	Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Light brown <input type="checkbox"/>
	Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Gray <input type="checkbox"/>	Dark brown <input type="checkbox"/>
	Bald <input type="checkbox"/>	Bald <input type="checkbox"/>	Black <input type="checkbox"/>
Other obvious characteristics that will aid in identification VEINS PHASES			
I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:			
Registrar for 1487 Leone M. Holmes (Signature of registrar) Date of registration October 16, 1940 (City or county) (State)			
LOCAL BOARD No. 239 7972 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles 36, CALIF. STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD			
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.) U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-17108			

Figure 75: William Berger's Draft Card, order number 1807, page 2.



Figure 76: Bill, Mildred and Sandy Berger abt 1950.
Source: Eric Germansky.

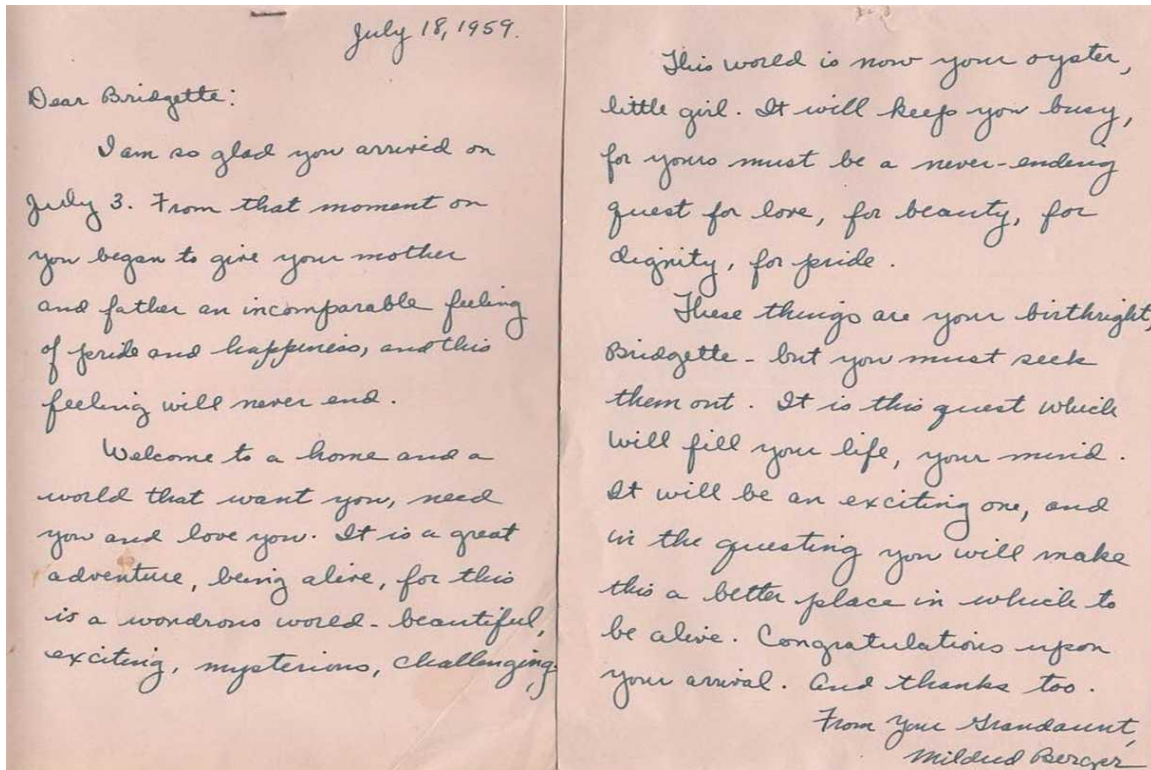


Figure 77: Letter from Aunt Mildred to her niece Brigitte July 18, 1959.
Source: Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 78: Eddie and Milton Berger at the first Gardena Department Store.
Source: Joshua Berger.

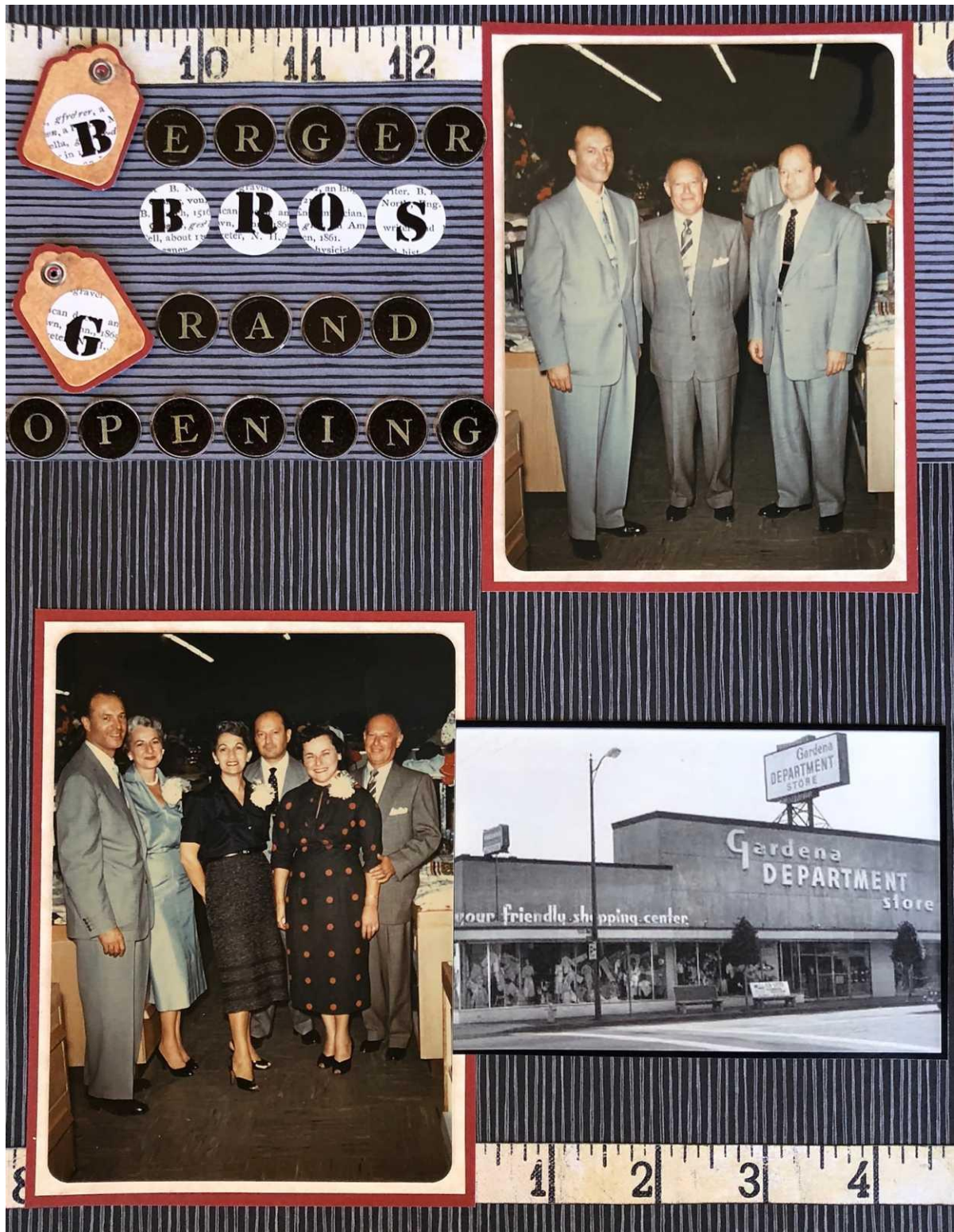


Figure 79: Berger brothers and their wives at the 2nd Gardena Department Store's Grand Opening; Edward, William, Milton, Loretta, Silvia, Mildred.
Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.

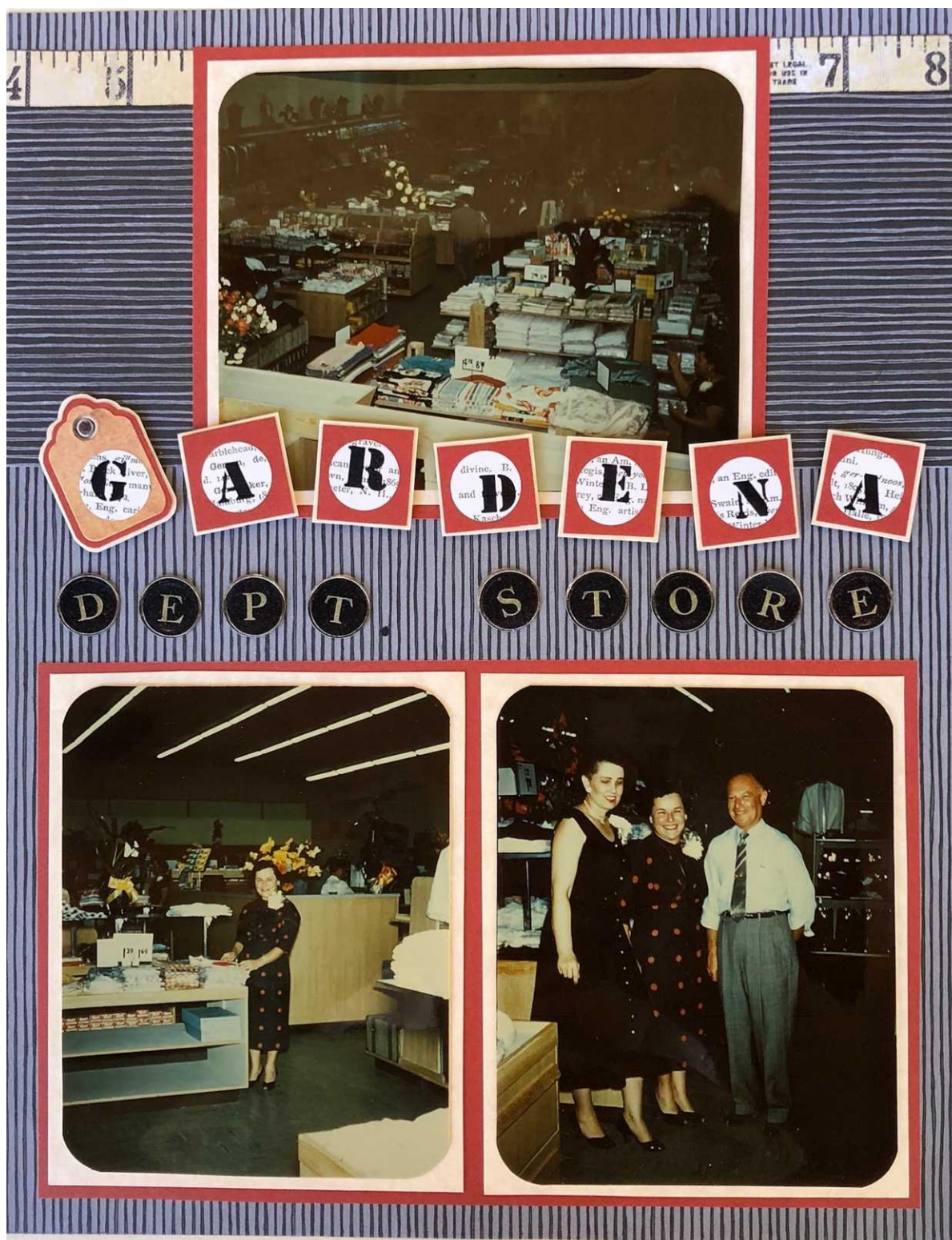


Figure 80: Bill and Mildred Berger with long time employee at the Berger Brother's Gardena Department store.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.

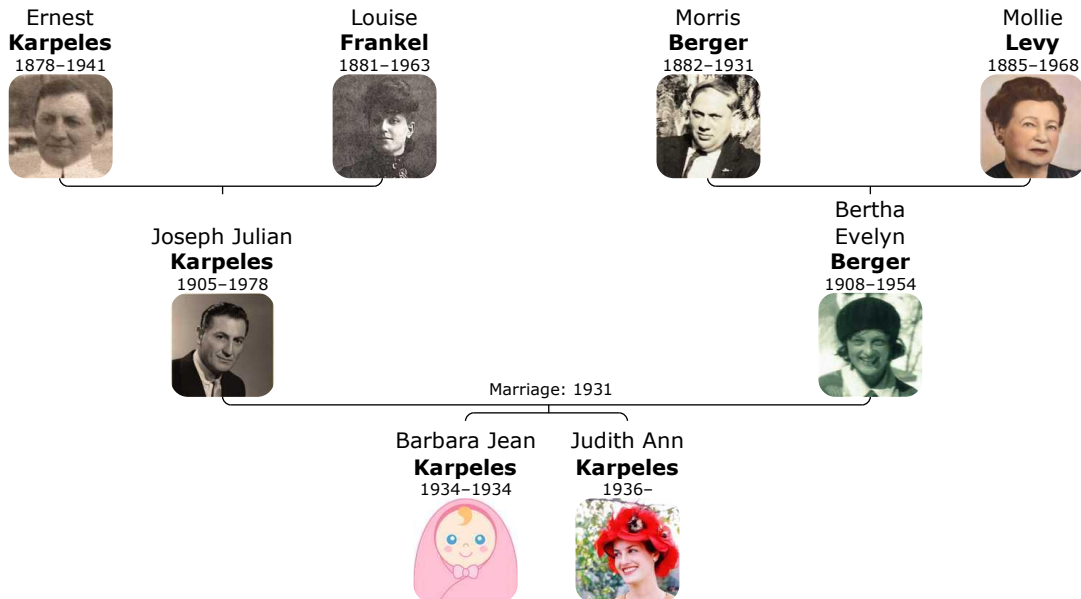


Figure 81: Sandy and her father Bill Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 82: Berger Brothers: L>R: Milton, Eddie and Bill, 20 May 1985 in front of Michele's pool.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

Family of Bertha Berger and Joseph Karpeles



3. **Bertha Evelyn Berger** was born on Saturday, February 15, 1908, in Manhattan, New York County, New York, USA. She was the daughter of Morris Berger (1) and Mollie Levy. She was also known as **Bert**.



Bertha Evelyn Berger

Bertha Evelyn worked as a Stenographer in 1931.

Health: Bert had Multiple sclerosis for many years prior to death. Bert's daughter Judy, related that she remembered her mother when she was quite young, baking cookies and playing with her. As she got older, her mother became more and more incapacitated with M.S. As a young teen she remembers that her mother had to be fed and helped with everything due to her shaking. She eventually could not speak. Bert's husband Joe, took her everywhere for help. Bert was finally diagnosed with M.S. at the Mayo Clinic. At the time there was very little that could be done to help her. Joe worked full time and in the early days had little money to have care for Bert during the day. Judy remembers coming home from school several times to find that her mother had fallen while transitioning from her wheel chair to the toilet and could not get herself up. Because Judy was young, she lacked the strength to lift her mother and would have to get a neighbor's help. Eventually Joe was able to afford all day help for Bert.

Memories: Sandy shared Eddie's memories of his sister, "... Eddie told me Bert was a real tough tomboy and she could keep up with the 3 boys with attitude to spare, and she was actually the leader of the pack. But he said Bert always would go back for him and take care to keep him

safe, while Bill and Milt would run off and leave him behind all by himself.

She died at Florence Sperry Rest Home, 2367 W. Pico Blvd in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, on June 12, 1954, at the age of 46. Judy Karpeles, Bert's daughter, recognized Bert's doctor's name on her death certificate. She remembered that this doctor shared the office with her dentist father Joe, along with one other doctor. Her cause of death was Multiple Sclerosis which she had for 10 years. J.A. Smoha (?) M.D. attended her since 1 Jan 1946. She was buried in Los Angeles on June 15, 1954. The cemetery was Hillside Memorial Park. The Funeral Director was Malinow and Simon, L.A.

More facts and events for Bertha Evelyn Berger:

Residence:	1910	Los Angeles 1045 East 31st Street
Residence:	1920	Los Angeles 2126 East 2nd Street
Education:	1922 - January 28, 1926	Graduated from Polytechnic High School Los Angeles
Residence:	1930 - 1931	Walnut Park 7914 South Seville Avenue,
Residence:	1935 - 1940	Solvang, Santa Barbara County 54 Main Street. (Box 124). Phone Santa Ynez 289
Residence:	September 28, 1944 - 1950	Los Angeles, Los Angeles County 5011 W 12th St
Residence:	1954	Los Angeles 1655 W. Washington Blvd
Language Spoken:		English
Literate:		Yes
Volunteer:	1933 - 1937	Solvang, Santa Barbara County Women's Club of Solvang

At the age of 22, Bertha Evelyn married **Joseph Julian Karpeles** on Thursday, January 29, 1931, at The Vienna Cafe in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, when he was 25 years old. Joe and Bert were married by Rabbi Dr. Mayer Winkler and was witnessed by Louis Brick Jr (Joe's uncle by marriage). They had two daughters.



Joseph Julian
Karpeles

Joseph Julian was born in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on Friday, June 16, 1905. He was the son of Ernest Karpeles and Louise Frankel. He was also known as **Joe**.

Joseph Julian was educated in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. He earned a Doctorate of Dentistry from The University of Southern California, USC. He worked as a Dentist and was self-employed

in Los Angeles between 1931 and 1950. On February 21, 1933, he opened dental offices in the Stephens Building of Cedars of Lebanon at the corner of Florence and Seville avenues. Through the Huntington Park office of the Unemployed Relief Association on Park Avenue, Joe arranged to give dental service at night to the unemployed of the district.

Joseph Julian reached 73 years of age and died in Corona Del Mar, Orange County, on September 26, 1978. He was buried at Pacific View Memorial Park, Plot Laquinta Court, Alcove of Memories in Corona Del Mar on October 02, 1978.

More facts and events for Joseph Julian Karpeles:

Description:	6', 160lbs, Brown eyes, Brown hair, Dark Complexion
Language Spoken:	English
Literate:	Yes
Volunteer:	1950 - 1963 Upon Bert's MS diagnosis, Joe became deeply involved in the MS Board and drive to find a cure.

Daughters of Bertha Evelyn Berger and Joseph Julian Karpeles:

- f I. **Barbara Jean Karpeles** was born at Mission Hospital, District No. 1921, Local registration 1442 at 11:14 in Huntington Park on February 27, 1934.



Barbara

She died in Huntington Park on February 27, 1934. Barbara was stillborn.

Judy Karpeles shared that when she was a child, she found a box in a trunk with the name Barbara Jean written on it. She believes that Barbara's ashes were buried with their mother upon her death.

- + 7 f II. **Judith Ann Karpeles** was born in Solvang, Santa Barbara County, on July 21, 1936.



Judith



Figure 83: Bert's Senior yearbook, 1926 Polytechnic High School.

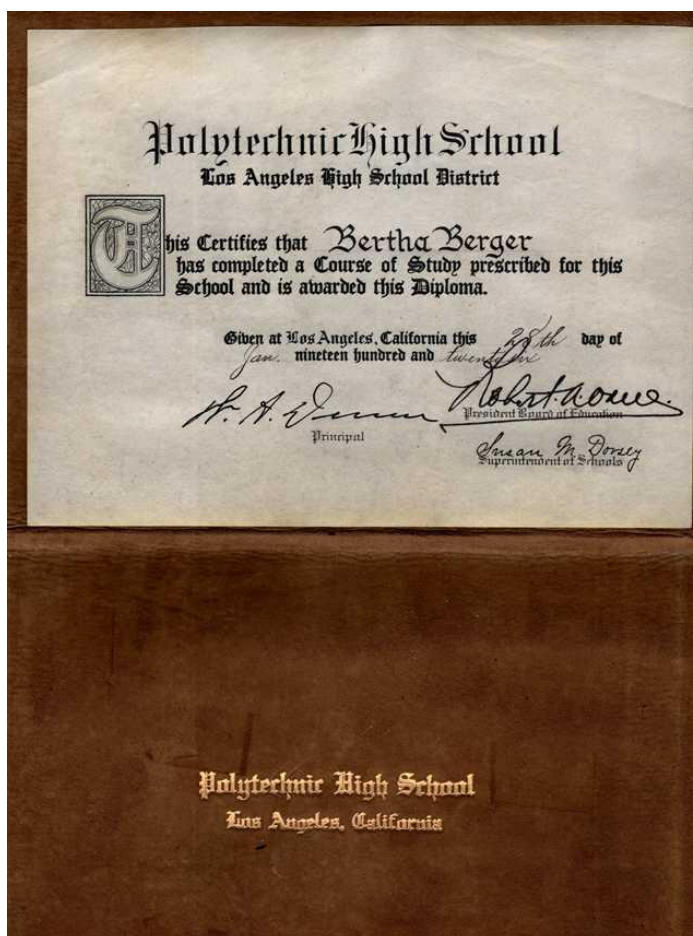


Figure 84: Bertha Berger's diploma from Polytechnic High School, LA, 28 Jan 1926.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 85: Bertha Berger with flowers,
possibly for High School Graduation.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 86: Bert née Berger 1920s.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 87: "Bert must have asked if her outfit made her look fat:)" Joe.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 88: Bert at the beach.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 89: Bert Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 90: Bert Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 91: Bert née Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 92: Bert née Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 93: Eddie and Milton Berger with Joe Karpeles.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 94: Joe Karpeles with Milton and Eddie Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 95: Joseph Karpeles and Bertha Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 96: Bertha née Berger. Light blue hat
and the jacket had fox fur on sleeves.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NO. 999

TO ANY JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, JUDGE OF ANY POLICE COURT, CITY RECORDER, PRIEST OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL OF ANY DENOMINATION: YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED TO SOLEMNIZE, WITHIN SAID COUNTY, THE MARRIAGE OF

Joseph J Karpeles

AGED 25 YEARS, RESIDING AT Los Angeles

Bertha E Berger

AGED 22 YEARS, RESIDING AT Huntington Park

NATIVE OF I11

COLOR OR RACE WHITE

COLOR OR RACE WHITE

COLOR OR RACE WHITE

CALIFORNIA, AND WHITE

CALIFORNIA.

THE DULY VERIFIED WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE TO THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR HA BEEN PRESENTED TO AND FILED BY ME

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,

ON THIS JAN 29 1931

L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

BY *Louise L Bannardale* DEPUTY.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

(ORIGINAL)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THE 29th DAY OF January 1931

AT Los Angeles

UNDER AUTHORITY OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS A Minister of Community Synagogue

Joseph J. Karpeles AND Bertha E. Berger

IN THE PRESENCE OF Louis Brick RESIDING AT 1863 1/2 So Mansfield

CALIFORNIA, AND Joseph Weiss RESIDING AT 445 N Fairfax

CALIFORNIA, WHO WITNESSED THE CEREMONY.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE.

Louis Brick

Joseph Weiss

TO PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE - IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

COMPLETE ABOVE CERTIFICATE AND THE CERTIFICATE ON SEPARATE VITAL STATISTICS FORM AND WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE CEREMONY FILE BOTH, WITH LICENSE, WITH THE RECORDER. ALSO FILL OUT AND CERTIFY THE ORNAMENTED CERTIFICATE BELOW AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY DETACH AND HAND TO THE PARTIES. NAMES IN CERTIFICATES MUST BE IDENTICAL WITH NAMES IN LICENSE. PRIEST OR MINISTER MUST STATE DENOMINATION. WRITE NOTHING ON REVERSE SIDE, BUT CAREFULLY READ THE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS THERE GIVEN.

ORIGINAL FILED FOR RECORD

FEB 9 1931

C. L. LOGAN, RECORDER, BY

DEPUTY

Figure 97: Joseph Karpeles and Bertha Berger's Marriage License and Certificate, 29 Jan 1931.

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS SIDE
ALL BLANKS BELOW ARE FOR USE OF COUNTY RECORDER
SEE FULL INSTRUCTIONS

California State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

County of **L.A.** State Index No. **1752**
Local Registered No. _____

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

GROOM		BRIDE	
Joseph J. Karpeles		Bertha E. Berger	
RESIDENCE 1630 1/2 Van Ness Ave. L.A.	RESIDENCE 7914 S. Seville Ave., Huntington Park		
COLOR OR RACE white	COLOR OR RACE white		
SINGLE OR DIVORCED single	SINGLE OR DIVORCED single		
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 25	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 22		
NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 1st	NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 1st		
BIRTHPLACE Ill.	BIRTHPLACE N.Y.		
OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Dentist	OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Steno.		
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)	(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		
NAME OF FATHER Ernest Karpeles	NAME OF FATHER Morris Berger		
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Austria	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Poland		
NAME OF MOTHER Louise Frankel	NAME OF MOTHER Molly Levy		
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Germany	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Poland		
MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED			

We, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Joseph J. Karpeles ^{21Groom} **Bertha E. Berger** ^{22Bride}
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that **Joseph J. Karpeles** and **Bertha E. Berger** were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at **Los Angeles** this **29th** day of **January** 19 **31**

Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony **Dr. Mayer Winkler**
Official position **Rabbi**

Signature of Groom **Joseph J. Karpeles**
Signature of Bride **Bertha E. Berger**

FILED **Feb. 9 1931** C. L. LOGAN, Recorder, **438 S. Hobart Blvd.**
by **A. J. Saffell** ^{Deputy} **9th** day of **Feb.** 19 **31**
A full, true and correct copy of the original is deposited in the office of the Recorder at 9 A. M.

C. L. LOGAN, Recorder,
By **A. J. Saffell** Deputy

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

TO PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE
THE MARRIAGE MUST BE SOLEMNIZED
WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY FILL
OUT THREE CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE, TO-WIT:

1. THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE (FIRST BELOW
THE LICENSE) WHICH, WITH THE LICENSE, FILE
WITHIN THREE DAYS WITH THE RECORDER, WHO
WILL RETAIN SAME.

2. THE ORNAMENTED COPY FOLLOWING THE
ORIGINAL, CERTIFY AT THE BOTTOM AS INDICAT-
ED, DETACH AND HAND TO THE PARTIES.

3. THE VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE ON
SEPARATE SHEET, ALSO FILE WITH RECORDER
WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

CERTIFICATES 1 AND 2 MUST SHOW THE
NAMES (NOT SIGNATURES) AND RESIDENCE OF
ONE OR MORE WITNESSES. HAVE ONLY ONE
WITNESS SIGN NAME AND GIVE RESIDENCE ON
THE VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE NO. 3.

DO NOT FILL OUT CERTIFICATE ON THIS
PAGE. IT IS FOR THE RECORDER'S USE.

L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

EVERETT W. MATTOON, COUNTY COUNSEL
C. L. LOGAN, RECORDER

Figure 98: Joseph Karpeles and Bertha Berger's Marriage License and Certificate, 29 Jan 1931 side 2.

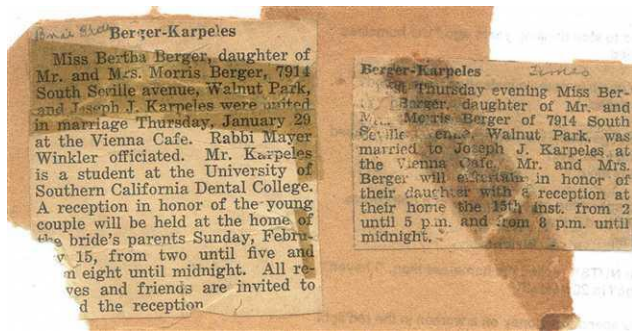


Figure 99: Joseph Karpeles and Bertha wedding announcement.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

Berger-Karpeles

Last Thursday evening Miss Bertha Berger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Berger of 7914 South Seville avenue, Walnut Park, was married to Joseph J. Karpeles at the Vienna Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Berger will entertain in honor of their daughter with a reception at their home the 15th inst. from 2 until 5 p.m. and from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Figure 100: Joseph Karpeles and Bertha Berger Wedding announcement The Los Angeles Times · Sunday, February 01, 1931.



Figure 101: Bertha on cruise trip to Antigua, July 1935.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 102: Joe and Bert Berger.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 103: Joe and Bert dressed up!
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 104: Joe and Bert in Mexico.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 105: Joe and Bert Karpeles.
Source: Personal possession of Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett 2023.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 106: Joe, Bert and Judy Karpeles about 1936
Source: On CD sent by unknown -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 107: Judy Karpelles with her mother Bert.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpelles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 108: Joe, Bert and Judy Karpelles about 1939.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpelles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 109: Bertha née Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpelles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 110: Joe and Bert Karpelles about 1940s.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpelles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 111: Bert née Berger 1940s with effects of M.S.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 112: Bert onboard ship for trip to Antigua in July 1935.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 113: Bert with her niece Michele Berger about 1946.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 114: Joe, Judy, Louise née Frankel and Bertha née Berger Karpeles.

Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



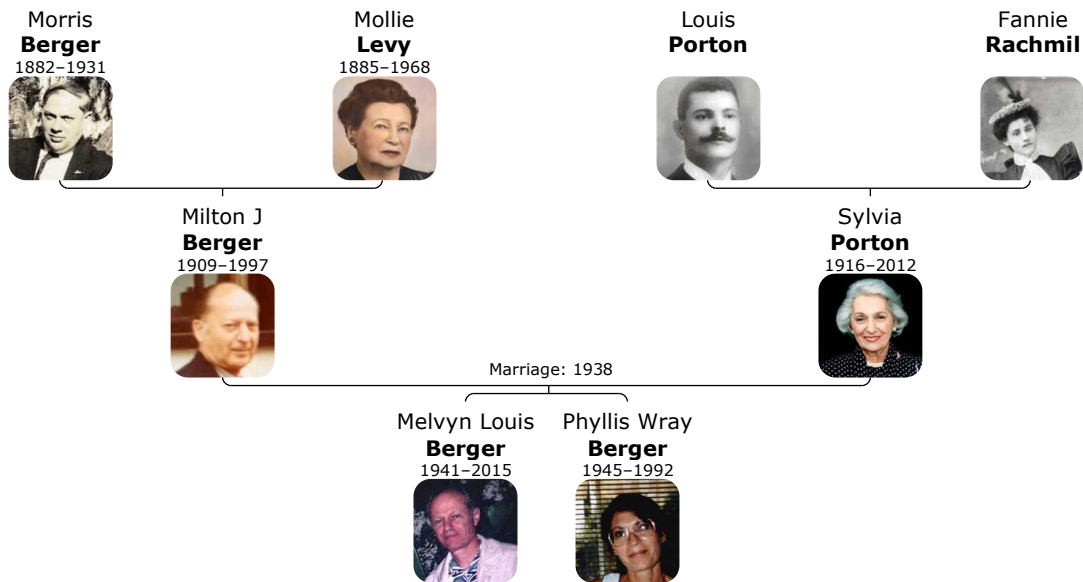
Figure 115: Bertha née Berger grass marker 1908-1954 at Hillside Memorial Cemetery Los Angeles.

Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH									
STATE OF CALIFORNIA—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH									
STATE FILE NO.		REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 1901		REGISTRAR'S NUMBER 10183					
DECEDENT PERSONAL DATA (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	1a. NAME OF DECEASED—FIRST NAME		1b. MIDDLE NAME		1c. LAST NAME		2a. DATE OF DEATH—MONTH, DAY, YEAR		2b. HOUR
	Bertha				Karpeles		June 12, 1954		9:10AM
	3. SEX	4. COLOR OR RACE	5. SPECIFY MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED		6. DATE OF BIRTH		7. AGE (LAST BIRTHDAY)		IF UNDER 1 YEAR MONTHS DAYS
	Female	Cauc.	Married		Feb. 15, 1908		46		IF UNDER 24 HOURS HOURS MINUTES
PLACE OF DEATH	8a. USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF BUSINESS MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED)		8b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)		10. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY		
	Housewife		Own Home		New York		U.S.A.		
	11. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER		12. MAIDE: N NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER		13. NAME OF PRESENT SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)				
	Morris Berger - Poland		Mollie Levy - Poland		Joseph Karpeles				
LAST USUAL RESIDENCE (WHERE DECEASED LIVED IF INSTITUTION, RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION)	14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES?		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		16. INFORMANT		17c. LENGTH OF STAY IN THIS CITY OR TOWN		
	No -		None		Joseph Karpeles		45 years		
	17a. COUNTY		17b. CITY OR TOWN		17c. ADDRESS				
	Los Angeles		Los Angeles		2367 W. Pico Blvd.,				
PHYSICIAN'S OR CORONER'S CERTIFICATION	18a. STATE		18b. COUNTY		18c. CITY OR TOWN		18d. STREET OR RURAL ADDRESS (DO NOT USE P. O. BOX NUMBER)		
	California		Los Angeles		Los Angeles		1655 W. Washington Blvd.,		
	19a. CORONER: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE, AND PLACE STATED ABOVE FROM THE CAUSES STATED BELOW AND THAT I HAVE HELD AN INVESTIGATION ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW		19b. PHYSICIAN: I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE, AND PLACE STATED ABOVE FROM THE CAUSES STATED BELOW AND THAT I HAVE HELD AN INVESTIGATION ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW		19c. ADDRESS		19d. DATE SIGNED		
	J. A. Snaha		M. D.		1655 W. Washington Blvd.		June 11, 1954		
MEDICAL AND HEALTH DATA	20a. SPECIFY BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL		20b. DATE		20c. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY		21. SIGNATURE OF EMBALMER (IF BODY PREPARED)		
	Burial		6-15-54		Hillside Mem. Park		N. B. Unklick 2216		
	22. FUNERAL DIRECTOR		23. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR		24. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR				
	Malinow and Simons, L.A.		JUN 12 1954		George M. W. W. W.				
CAUSE OF DEATH (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (A), (B) AND (C))	25. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH		(A) ANTECEDENT CAUSES		(B) MORBID CONDITIONS, IF ANY, GIVING RISE TO THE ABOVE CAUSE (A) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST		(C) DUE TO (B)		26. CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE DISEASE OR CONDITION CAUSING DEATH
	Multiple Sclerosis								
	27a. DATE OF OPERATION		27b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION		28. AUTOPSY				
					YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
DEATH DUE TO EXTERNAL VIOLENCE	29a. SPECIFY ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE		29b. PLACE OF INJURY (GIVE STREET, OFFICE, BUILDING, FARM, FACTORY, STREET, OFFICE, BUILDING)		29c. LOCATION CITY OR TOWN COUNTY STATE				
	29d. TIME OF INJURY		29e. INJURY OCCURRED		29f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?				
	M		WHILE <input type="checkbox"/> AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NC IF WHILE <input type="checkbox"/> AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>						

Figure 116: Bertha née Berger Karpeles, Certificate of Death -12 Jun 1954, 9:10 am.

Family of Milton Berger and Sylvia Porton



4. **Milton J Berger** was born on Wednesday, September 29, 1909, in New York, New York County, New York, USA. He was the son of Morris Berger (1) and Mollie Levy. He was also known as **Milt**.



Milton J Berger

Milton worked as a Clerk in a Dress Factory in 1930.

He worked as a partner in the Berger Brothers Clothing Store at 2662 Santa Ana Street in South Gate in 1931. Milton worked as a partner in the Berger Brothers Men's and Boy's Clothing Store at 6354 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys in March 1938. He worked as a partner of the Gardena Department Store at 1024 Gardena Blvd in Gardena in 1949. Milton worked as a partner in the new Gardena Department Store located in the old Gardena Movie Theater at 1106 Gardena Blvd. in Gardena between March 08, 1959 and 1975.

He died in Los Angeles on July 15, 1997, at the age of 87. Milton J was buried at Mount Sinai Cemetery Hollywood Hills, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068 in Los Angeles about July 15, 1997.

More facts and events for Milton J Berger:

Residence:	1910	Los Angeles 1045 East 31st Street
Residence:	1920	Los Angeles 2126 East 2nd Street
Education:	1927 - 1928	Polytechnic High School
Residence:	1930	Walnut Park 7914 South Seville Avenue,
Residence:	1950	Los Angeles

1209 Highland, Telephone yo 1575.
Residence: about 1950 Los Angeles
122 North Formosa Ave.
Residence: 1970 - 1991 Los Angeles
2001 Coldwater Canyon Blvd
Residence: 1991 - 1997 Century City
Century Park West
Physical Description: 5' 6" 160 pounds, brown hair, light complexion, small scar on left eyelid.
Hebrew Name: Moy
Language Spoken: English
Literate: Yes

At the age of 28, Milton J married **Sylvia Porton** on Sunday, June 12, 1938, when she was 21 years old. They had two children.

Sylvia was born in Riverdale, Prince George's County, Maryland, on Sunday, June 18, 1916.



Sylvia Porton

She was the daughter of Louis Porton and Fannie Rachmil. She worked as a Secretary at 20th Century Fox in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, between 1936 and 1938.

Health: (Alzheimer's disease.) Sylvia reached 95 years of age and died in Los Angeles on March 15, 2012. She was buried at Mount Sinai Cemetery Hollywood Hills, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068 in Los Angeles about March 15, 2012.

More facts and events for Sylvia Porton:

Activities and Hobbies: 1960 Los Angeles
Fairfax High School PTA member

Children of Milton J Berger and Sylvia Porton:

+ 8 m I. **Melvyn Louis Berger** was born in Los Angeles on February 15, 1941. He was also known as **Mel**.



Melvyn

Melvyn Louis died in New York, New York County, New York, in January 2015 at the age of 73.

+ 9 f II. **Phyllis Wray Berger** was born in Los Angeles on February 26, 1945. She died in Los Angeles on January 24, 1992, at the age of 46.



Phyllis



Figure 117: Milton Berger's Elementary School Graduation - top row far right.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 118: Milton Berger 1927 Polytechnic High School.



Figure 119: Milton Berger's Graduation.
"Milton attended Polytechnic High School. He was an outstanding student, graduating with top honors about 1928." Per Eddie and Bill Berger.

Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 120: Eddie and Milton Berger.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 121: Milton and Eddie Berger.
Source: Joshua Berger.



Figure 122: Milton and Silvia at Lake
Arrowhead.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 123: Milton Berger and Silvia née Porton's Wedding photo.
Source: Eric Germansky.

ONE FIVE

● **MISS JEAN** Law, stenographer in the South Gate city clerk's office and a resident of San Carlos avenue, left Friday evening abroad the Union Pacific Streamliner for Chicago, where she will spend three weeks visiting with friends.

● **MR. AND MRS. Lynn Layton** and sons, Wayne and Lawrence of State street, spent the recent holiday at Yosemite. On their return they visited Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Matchske and sons, of Liberty boulevard, at their ranch near Mariposa.

● **ANNOUNCEMENT** of the wedding date of Miss Sylvia Porton and Milton Berger, on June 12, in Hollywood, has just been made by Mrs. Morris Berger.

Mr. Berger is a member of the firm which was known as the South Gate Department store on Santa Ana street for several years. A reception is to follow the ceremony.

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S. G. COSTUME TAILOR SHOP

3313 Independence

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Figure 124: Milton Berger and Silvia Porton's wedding announcement. South Gate, California · Monday, June 06, 1938.

SERIAL NUMBER 1152	1. NAME (Print) MILTON BERGER		ORDER NUMBER 179
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1211 So. Highland Ave. Los Angeles, Cal.			
3. TELEPHONE Yo 1575	4. AGE IN YEARS 30	5. PLACE OF BIRTH New York	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Sylvia Berger			
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife			
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1211 So. Highland Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Milton Berger (Own business)			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 6354 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys, Calif.			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1 10-17108 Milton Berger			

Figure 125: Milton Berger's WWII draft card.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT			
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5'6"	160	Sallow
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light
Oriental	Gray	Red	Ruddy
Indian	Hazel	Brown	Dark
Filipino	Brown	Black	Freckled
	Black	Gray	Light brown
		Bald	Dark brown
			Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification:
Small scar on left eye lid.

I certify that any answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for **1115** *Indella M. Parris*
Los Angeles, Calif.

Date of registration **October 16 - 1940**

LOCAL BOARD No. 237
Room 10 - 634 S. Western Ave.

STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in this space.)
Los Angeles Co.
U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 10-17108

Figure 126: Milton Berger's WW II Draft Card pg. 2.



Figure 127: Mel's Bar Mitzvah with Silvia, Milton and Phyllis about 1954.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 128: Silvia née Porton with son Mel Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 129: Milton, Mel and Phyllis in D.C.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 130: Milton Berger family home about 1950, 122 North Formosa Ave.
Source: Joshua Berger.



Figure 131: Milton, Silvia, Phyllis and Melvin Berger.
Source: Joshua Berger.



Figure 132: Stephan Germansky, Phyllis, Silvia and Milton Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 133: Milton Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 134: Milton and Sylvia Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 135: Milton Berger, Silvia née Porton, Judy née Karpeles.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 136: Erika née Cornell, Judy née Karpeles, George (Andy) Cornell, friend Linda Marold, Silvia née Porton, Loretta née Schwartz, Eddie Berger.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

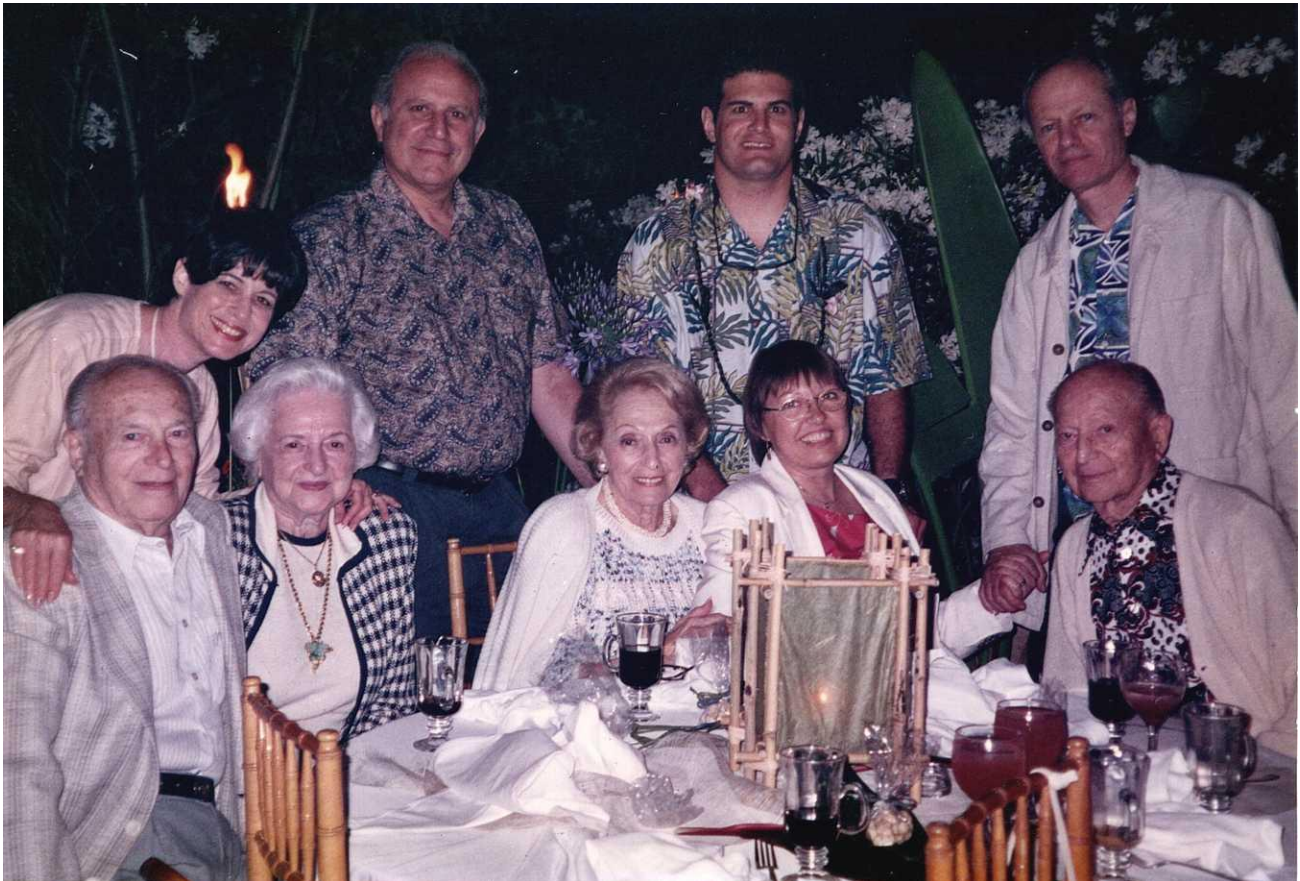


Figure 137: Berger Family about 1980. Top L>R: Michele née Berger, Mort Rosen, George (Andy) Cornell, Mel Berger, Edward Berger, Loretta née Schwartz, Silvia née Porton, Pam née Carter (Mel Berger's wife), Milton Berger.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 138: Extended Berger Family: Top-> George Cornell, Harris Berger, Eric Germansky, Joshua Berger, Zeffrin Zwillinger, Zachary Zwillinger, 2nd-> Sandra Fernandez née Berger, Susan Berger née Fisher, Susan née Mullen, Sue's daughter, Judith Cornell née Karpeles, Bottom-> Morton Rosen, Michele Zwillinger née Berger, Edward Berger, Sivia Berger née Porton.

Source: Eric Germansky.

BERGER, Sylvia Porten

June 18, 1916 - March 15, 2012

Sylvia passed away peacefully at her residence in Los Angeles. Born in Maryland, one of 11 children, she moved to Los Angeles in 1936 where she enjoyed the rest of her life. She worked for 20th Century Fox as a secretary, married Milton Berger in 1938 and they shared 58 years together. After retirement, they traveled the world cherishing family trips to England, and loved family BBQs at their Coldwater Canyon home. Predeceased by daughter Phyllis in 1992 and husband Milton in 1997, survived by son Mel, Grandchildren Eric Germansky (Sue), Joshua Berger (Hannah), Michael Germansky (Becky), Monica Berger, many Great Grandchildren and a Great Great Grandson. Challenged by Alzheimer's, Sylvia continued to enjoy her final years with dignity and grace. Thank you to the staff of Belmont Village of Hollywood for their devoted passion and care.

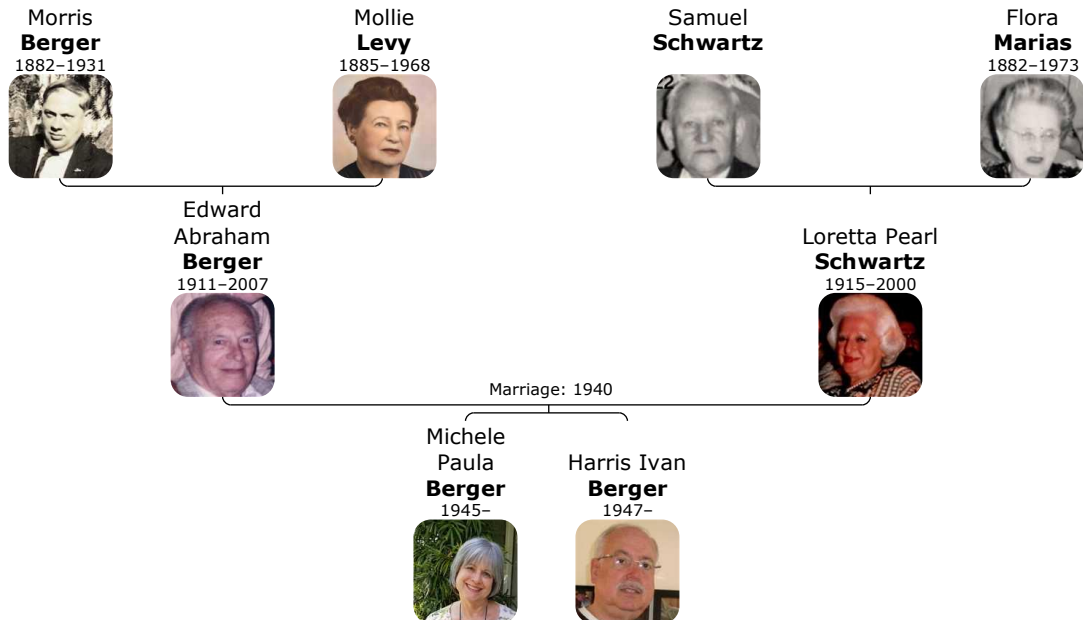
Figure 139: Silvia née Porton Berger obituary.



Figure 140: Milton and Sylvia Berger's burial grass marker at Mount Sinai Memorial Parks, Hollywood Hills.

Source: Emailed photo by Rose Osder, Advanced Planning Coordinator at cemetery.

Family of Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz



5. **Edward Abraham Berger** was born on Thursday, May 25, 1911, at 2800 Michigan in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA.



Edward Abraham Berger

Per his daughter Michele, " The reason why Daddy's name wasn't on his birth certificate as Edward is because he was named Abraham/Avrum (Abraham's name in the bible before he interacted with G.d who changed his name to Abraham). Daddy took the name Edward in elementary school after being teased by the antisemitic kids. If he had the middle initial of E or no middle name at all is a matter of conjecture. Since there is no middle name on the birth certificate, I doubt it. I think he just liked the name Edward, and it soon became and remained Eddie throughout his life. Formally he kept the middle initial A., Edward A Berger." His grandson Zach shared..."I heard the Eddie name story was Abraham > Abie for short, Abie became Eddie and then Eddie just became Edward."

His niece, Judy remembers that he also had the nickname "Babe" because he was the baby of his family. She called him Uncle Babe when she was a child. He was the son of Morris Berger (1) and Mollie Levy.

Edward Abraham worked as a partner in the Berger Brothers Clothing Store at 2662 Santa Ana Street in South Gate in 1931. He worked as a

partner in the Berger Brothers Men's and Boy's Clothing Store located at 6354 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys in March 1938. Edward Abraham worked as a partner in the Gardena Department Store at 1024 Gardena Blvd in Gardena in 1949. He worked as a partner in the new Gardena Department Store located in the old Gardena Movie Theater at 1106 Gardena Blvd in Gardena between March 08, 1959 and 1975.

Memories: Per Michele Berger, "...the three brothers were incredibly close. They loved, respected, and stood up for one another. ... Daddy used to say they had one pocket...and it was all for one and one for all."

He died in Los Angeles on July 13, 2007, at the age of 96. This was one day after joyfully meeting his first great grandchild! Edward Abraham was buried at Hillside Memorial Park, Find A Grave Memorial ID 162542497 in Culver City.

More facts and events for Edward Abraham Berger:

Residence:	1920	Los Angeles 2126 East 2nd Street
Education:	1926 - 1930	Polytechnic High School 4 years of High School - Class President
Residence:	1930	Walnut Park 7914 South Seville Avenue,
Residence:	1935 - 1940	Los Angeles 450 North Curson Avenue,
Residence:	October 16, 1940	Los Angeles 636 So Cochran. Telephone St-5-0011
Residence:	1943 - 1948	Los Angeles a 4-plex on Detroit and 4th St
Residence:	1948 - 1990	Los Angeles 163 So Formosa
Description:		5' 10", 160lbs, Gray eyes, Brown hair, dark complexion. Scar under right eye.
Language Spoken:		English
Literate:		Yes

At the age of 29, Edward Abraham married **Loretta Pearl Schwartz** on Sunday, August 04, 1940, in Los Angeles when she was 24 years old. They married at the Mayfair Hotel on Wilshire Blvd. by Rabbi Harry A. Merreld and witnessed by Fred Schwartz (what was relationship to Loretta? bg). The marriage was recorded Aug 12. They honeymooned in San Francisco and Tahoe.



Loretta Pearl
Schwartz

They had two children. Loretta Pearl was born in New York, New York County, New York, on Saturday, October 16, 1915. She was the daughter of Samuel Schwartz and Flora Marias.

Loretta Pearl reached 84 years of age and died on January 25, 2000. She was buried at Hillside Memorial Park, Find A Grave Memorial ID 262726601 in Culver City, Los Angeles County, California, on January 27, 2000.

Children of Edward Abraham Berger and Loretta Pearl Schwartz:

+ 10 f I. **Michele Paula Berger** was born in Los Angeles on January 16, 1945.



Michele

+ 11 m II. **Harris Ivan Berger** was born in Los Angeles on January 05, 1947.



Harris

Form 2

PLACE OF BIRTH
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

City of LOS ANGELES

State Index No. _____
Local Registered No. 2303

Town of _____
or City of _____
(No. 2800 Michigan Street; _____ Ward)

Full Name of Child Abraham Berger

Date of birth May 25 19 11

(Month) (Day) (Year)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX OF CHILD <u>male</u>	COLOR OR RACE OF CHILD <u>white</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other? _____	Number in order of birth <u>1</u>	Legitimate? <u>yes</u>
FULL NAME <u>Morris</u>	FATHER <u>Berger</u>	FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Mollie</u>	MOTHER <u>Levy</u>	
RESIDENCE <u>2800 Michigan Dr</u>		RESIDENCE <u>2800 Michigan Ave</u>		
COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>28</u> (Years)	COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>28</u> (Years)	
BIRTHPLACE <u>Russia</u> (State or Country)		BIRTHPLACE <u>Russia</u> (State or Country)		
OCCUPATION <u>Tailor</u>		OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>		

Number of Child of this mother 4 Number of Children, of this mother, now living 4

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on May 25, 19 11, at 9:49 A.M.

(Signature) Dr Leo Blas

(Physician or midwife)

Given name added from a supplemental report _____

Address _____

Filed May 29 19 11

Registrar _____

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth, a SEPARATE RETURN must be made for each, and the number of each, in order of birth, stated.

Figure 141: (Edward) Abraham Berger, 25 May 1911 Certificate of Birth.



Figure 142: Edward Berger. Polytechnic High School. Varsity Track Letterman, Low Hurdles 1930 (6th from left in the second row from bottom).

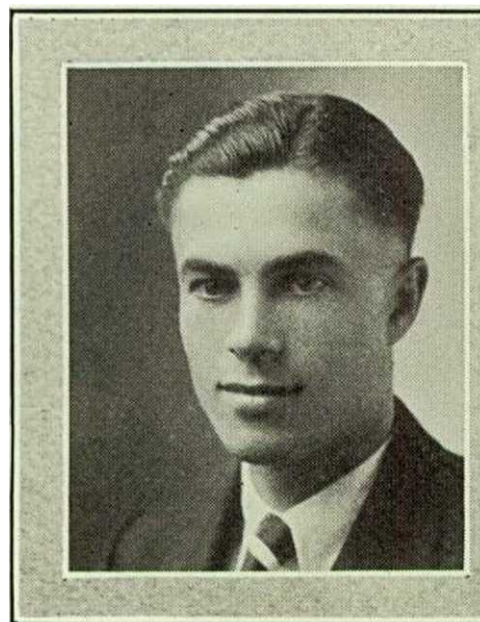


Figure 143: Edward Berger's 1930 Sr. Class photo at Polytechnic High School.



Figure 144: Eddie Berger.
Source: Michele Zwilling.



Figure 145: Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz's Engagement party. L>R Upper Row: Joe Karpeles, Irving Schwartz, Milton Berger, Milton Schwartz. Lower row: Flora née Marias (Loretta's mother) (Samuel Schwartz), Samuel Schwartz, Bert née Berger (Joe Karpeles), Ceila née _ Schwartz (Irving Schwartz), Silvia née Porton (Milton Berger), Mildred R née _ (Milton Schwartz), Loretta née Schwartz, Edward Berger, Mollie née Levy (Morris Berger).
Source: Michele Zwilling.



Figure 146: Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz Marriage announcement 25 July 1940.

PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE—IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
Complete the original certificate and the certificate on separate vital statistics forms and within three days after the ceremony file both, with license, with the Recorder. Fill out and certify the attached copy and file it with the license. Do not fill out certificate on reverse side of this sheet. Names in certificates must be identical with names in license. "One or more" witnesses are required and one witness must sign the vital statistics certificate.

ORIGINAL FILED FOR RECORD AUG 12 1940

NAME B. BEATTY, RECORDER, BY DEPUTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Book 1675 Page 78
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

NO. 8160

TO ANY JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, JUDGE OF ANY POLICE COURT, CITY RECORDER, PRIEST OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL OF ANY DENOMINATION:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED TO SOLEMNIZE, WITHIN SAID COUNTY, THE MARRIAGE OF

EDWARD A BERGER ✓, NATIVE OF Calif COLOR OR RACE WHITE
AGED 28 YEARS, RESIDING AT Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA, AND

LORETTA SCHWARTZ ✓, NATIVE OF N Y COLOR OR RACE WHITE
AGED 24 YEARS, RESIDING AT Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA.

THE DULY VERIFIED WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE TO THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR BEEN PRESENTED TO AND FILED BY ME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON THIS

AUG 1 1940
L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK
BY [Signature] DEPUTY.

(This License May Be Used at Any Time But Only in Los Angeles County)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ORIGINAL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THE 4 DAY OF August, 1940
AT Los Angeles IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
UNDER AUTHORITY OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, I, THE UNDERSIGNED,
AS A Rabbi STATE OFFICIAL POSITION IF PRIEST OR MINISTER STATE DENOMINATION JOINED IN MARRIAGE
Edward Berger AND Loretta Schwartz
IN THE PRESENCE OF [Signature] RESIDING AT 448 N. Carson St.
CALIFORNIA, AND [Signature] RESIDING AT 538 N. Sweetzer Ave.
CALIFORNIA, WHO WITNESSED THE CEREMONY.

[Signature]
SIGNATURE OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE
Wh 1461

Any officer or person who fails, neglects or refuses to perform any of the duties imposed upon him under the law concerning the registration of marriages shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished in the same manner as other misdemeanors. (Sec. 1082 Political Code.) See information on margin.

Figure 147: Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz 12 Aug 1940 Certificate of Marriage.

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ALL BLANKS BELOW ARE FOR USE OF COUNTY RECORDER

PLACE OF MARRIAGE California State Board of Health State Index No. _____
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
County of Los Angeles STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE Local Registered No. **10756**
GROOM PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS BRIDE

¹ FULL NAME Edward A. Berger	¹⁴ FULL NAME Loretta Schwartz
² RESIDENCE 450 N. Curson L A	¹⁵ RESIDENCE 340 No. Hayworth Ave L A
³ COLOR OR RACE White	¹⁶ COLOR OR RACE White
⁴ AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 28 (Years)	¹⁷ AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 24 (Years)
⁵ SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single	¹⁸ SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single
⁶ NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 1st	¹⁹ NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 1st
⁷ BIRTHPLACE Los Angeles, Calif. (State or country)	²⁰ BIRTHPLACE New York, N. Y. (State or country)
⁸ OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Merchant (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Men's Wear	²¹ OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work -- (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) --
¹⁰ NAME OF FATHER Morris Berger	²² NAME OF FATHER Samuel Schwartz
¹¹ BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Poland (State or country)	²³ BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Russia (State or country)
¹² MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER M. Levy	²⁴ MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER F. Marias
¹³ BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Poland (State or country)	²⁵ BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Russia (State or country)
²⁶ MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED --	

We, the groom and bride in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Edward A. Berger ²⁷ Groom **Loretta Schwartz** ²⁸ Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING THE MARRIAGE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that **Edward A. Berger** and **Loretta Schwartz** were joined in marriage by me **Los Angeles** in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at this **4** day of **August**, 19**40**.

³¹ Signature of Witness to the Marriage **Fred Schwartz** ³² Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony **Harry A. Merfield**
538 No. Sweetzer Ave. **Rabbi**
Residence. Official position.

³³ FILED **Aug 12**, 19**40** **By A O Sagar Deputy** **12th** day of **August**, 19**40**
A full, true and correct copy of the original recorded this **12th** day of **August**, 19**40** at 9 A. M.
MAME B. BEATTY, Recorder, **Grace Benson** Deputy
Residence. **155 N. Sycamore**

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ALL BLANKS ABOVE ARE FOR USE OF RECORDER

Figure 148: Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz Certificate of Marriage side 2.

SERIAL NUMBER 2295	1. NAME (Print) EDWARD ABRAHAM BERGER		ORDER NUMBER 1282
2. ADDRESS (Print) 636 So COCHRAN LOS ANGELES CA Calif			
3. TELEPHONE St-5-2011	4. AGE IN YEARS 28	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Los Angeles	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP American
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Loretta Paul Berger wife			
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON wife			
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 636 So COCHRAN LOS ANGELES CA Calif			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME self employed			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 63540 Van Ness Blvd Van Nuys CA Calif			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1		10-17108 Edward A. Berger	

Figure 149: Edward Berger U.S. WWII Draft Card front side.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT			
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5-10	160	Sallow
	EYES	HAIR	Light
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy
	Gray	Red	Dark
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled
	Brown	Black	Light brown
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown
	Bald	Black	Black
Philipino			
Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification: scar under right eye			
I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:			
Registrar for 2067 Marion E. Clark Van Nuys CA Calif			
Date of registration Oct 16 1940			
LOCAL BOARD NO. 258 4610 Beverly Blvd.			
Los Angeles DISTRICT OF CALIF. BOARD			
U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-17105			

Figure 150:
Edward Berger U.S. WWII Draft Card back side.



Figure 151: Loretta, Michele and Harris Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 152: Eddie and Loretta on camel - 1968.
Source: Michele Zwilling.



Figure 153: Eddie and his daughter Michele.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 154: Eddie, Loretta and Harris Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 155: Edward Berger and Loretta née Schwartz 1987.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 156: Judy née Karpeles, Erika née Cornell, Brigitte née Jacobson, Michele née Berger, Eddie Berger at Zach Zwillinger's wedding.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

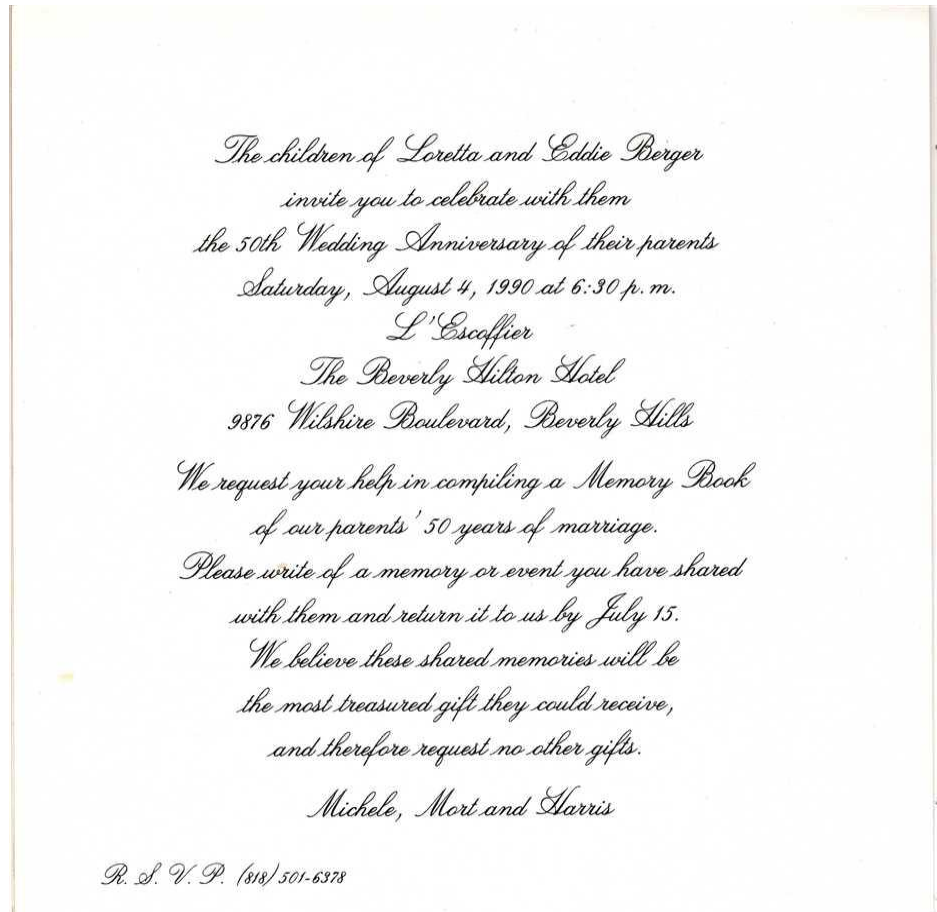


Figure 157: Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz 50th anniversary announcement.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 158: Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz 50th anniversary.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

BERGER, Loretta Schwartz 84.
Beloved wife of Ed Berger;
devoted mother of Michele (Mort)
and Harris (Susan); loving grand-
mother of Zach, Zeff, Stephen and
Ben; sister of Irving Schwartz.
In lieu of flowers, donations may
be made to the City of Hope or
Chabad of California.
Private family services.
Hillside Mortuary. 800/576-1994

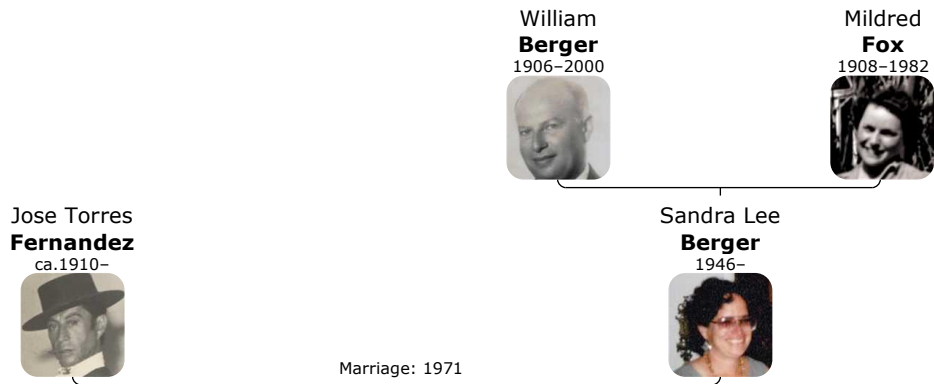
Figure 159: Loretta née Schwartz Berger
Obituary -The Los Angeles Times January 27,
2000, Page 214.



Figure 160: Edward Berger and Loretta Schwartz Memorial Plaque. Hillside Memorial Park
Cemetery, Culver City, Los Angeles, CA USA.

2nd Generation

Family of Sandra Berger and Jose Fernandez



6. **Sandra Lee Berger** was born on Sunday, August 18, 1946, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. She is the daughter of William Berger (2) and Mildred Fox.



Sandra Lee Berger

Memories: Sandy had this to say about her life, "Obviously I have not had the usual conventional Jewish life, lol. But it was full of energy and joy, 22 years together (with her husband Jose). I am thankful for Jose's children and grandchildren and great grandchildren, and cannot imagine my life taking a different path. So: horses, guitar, dance, back to horses, and now planning to concentrate on my great granddaughter Victoria."

More facts and events for Sandra Lee Berger:

Residence: 1950 Los Angeles, Los Angeles County
3973 Goodland
Residence: 1963 North Hollywood
Residence: 2025 Simi Valley, Ventura County
361 Lamp Post Cir

Sandra Lee married **Jose Torres Fernandez** on Saturday, July 10, 1971, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. (Register Co - 70, Number - 29240, State File # - 79707) Jose Torres was born about 1910.



Jose Torres
Fernandez



Figure 161: Sandy Berger's first of many cowgirl outfits from Berger Bros. Van Nuys store.

Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 162: Sandy Berger's 2nd Birthday Party (Mel, Phyllis, Michele, Sandy).

Source: Sandra Fernandez.

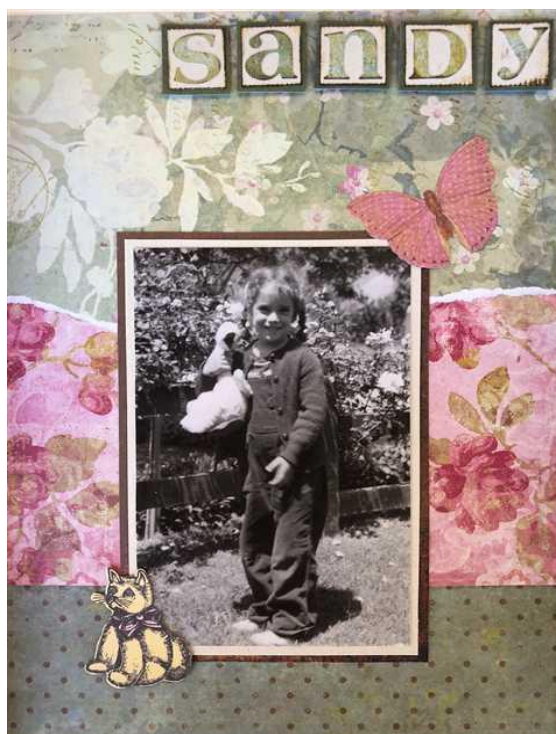


Figure 163: Sandy Berger abt 1950.

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 164: Berger Cousins abt 1947. L-R, Harris, Michele, Judy, Mel, Sandy, Phyllis.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 165: Berger cousins L>R: Sandy, Michele, Harris, Phyllis, Mel abt 1950.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 166: Sandy Bergers's 4th birthday, Aug 1950. Sandy (youngest), Michele (tallest), Phyllis (bow).

Source: Sandra Fernandez. This is in a photo album assembled by Sandra Fernandez with the help and Knowledge of her father William Berger and uncle Edward Berger.



Figure 167: Sandy Berger in 1963 at North Hollywood High School located in California.



Figure 168: Jose Torres Fernandez, Flamenco dancing in the 1970s.
Source: Sandy Fernandez.



Figure 169: Sandy Berger, Flamenco dancing in the 1970s.
Source: Sandy Fernandez.



Figure 170: Sandy playing a Flamenco guitar in the 1970s.
Source: Sandy Fernandez.



Figure 171: Sandy and Phyllis née Berger.
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 172: Berger female cousins Sandy, Phyllis, Michele and Judy.
Source: Eric Germansky.

Judith Karpeles

- 7. Judith Ann Karpeles** was born on Tuesday, July 21, 1936, in Solvang, Santa Barbara County, California, USA. She is the daughter of Joseph Julian Karpeles and Bertha Evelyn Berger (3).



Judith Ann
Karpeles

Judith Ann worked as a Dental Assistant for a Dentist in Sherman Oaks between 1956 and 1958.

She worked as a Dental Assistant for an Orthodontist in Van Nuys between 1959 and 1962. Judith Ann worked as a School aid for a special needs classroom in San Diego between 1985 and 1992.

More facts and events for Judith Ann Karpeles:

Residence:	July 14, 1939 - 1940	Solvang, Santa Barbara County, California
Residence:	1950	Los Angeles, Los Angeles County 5011 West 12th
Residence:	July 03, 1959	Tarzana 5733 Geyser Ave
Residence:	1962 - 1972	San Diego, San Diego County 6430 Chandler Dr.
Residence:	1972 - 1973	Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona
Residence:	1973 - 1977	La Palma, Orange County, California 7511 Silverado Ln. 90623-1447
Residence:	1977 - 2016	San Diego, San Diego County 2822 Lloyd Street 92117
Residence:	2016 - 2017	Oakwood, Hall County, Georgia 4785 Propes Dr. 30566. Living with daughter for a few months while Gainesville Georgia home was being built.
Residence:	2018	Gainesville 4506 Havenwood Pl, 30504
Activities and Hobbies:		Accomplished Gardener and Cook.

Marriages with Ronald Floyd Jacobson and George Hadley Cornell Jr (Page 109) are known.



Figure 173: Judy Karpeles newborn photo abt July 21,1936. Being held by mother Bert.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 174: Judy Karpeles abt 1936-1937.
Source: On CD sent from ? to -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 175: Judy Karpeles about 3 years old.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 176: Judy Karpeles abt 5 years old.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett. Picture taken by William Berger.



Figure 177: Judy Karpeles.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 178: Judy Karpeles about 9 1/2 years old.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 179: Judy Karpeles 1945-1947.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 180: Judy Karpeles 8-10 years old.
Source: Joseph and Bertha Karpeles -> Judith
Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 181: Judy Cornell née Karpeles.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 182: Judy, Brigitte, George, Erika and Andy Cornell abt 1970.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 183: George Cornell with wife Judy, daughter Erika and Mort Rosen abt 1980.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

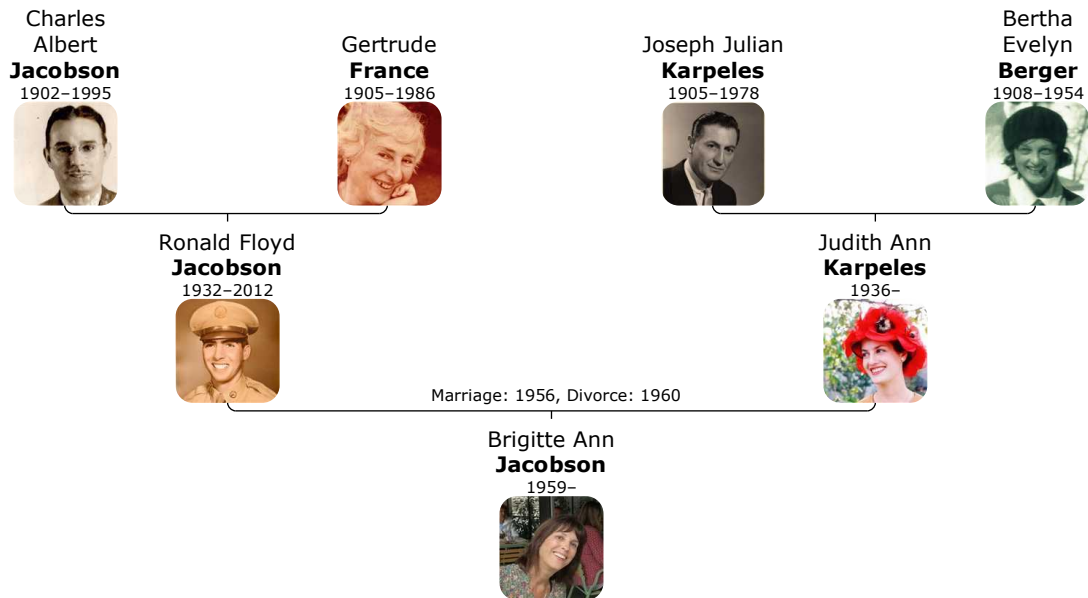


Figure 184: Judy and George Cornell.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 185: Judy Cornell née Karpeles 2024.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.

Family of Judith Karpeles and Ronald Jacobson



Here are the details about **Judith Ann Karpeles's** first marriage, with Ronald Floyd Jacobson. You can read more about Judith Ann on page 103.

At the age of 20, Judith Ann Karpeles married **Ronald Floyd Jacobson** on Sunday, September 16, 1956, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, when he was 24 years old. They were divorced in Los Angeles on November 08, 1960. They had one daughter.



Ronald Floyd Jacobson

Ronald Floyd was born at Reese Hospital, Chicago Illinois in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on Monday, August 22, 1932. He was the son of Charles Albert Jacobson and Gertrude France. He was also known as **Ron**.

Ronald Floyd reached 80 years of age and died on December 30, 2012.

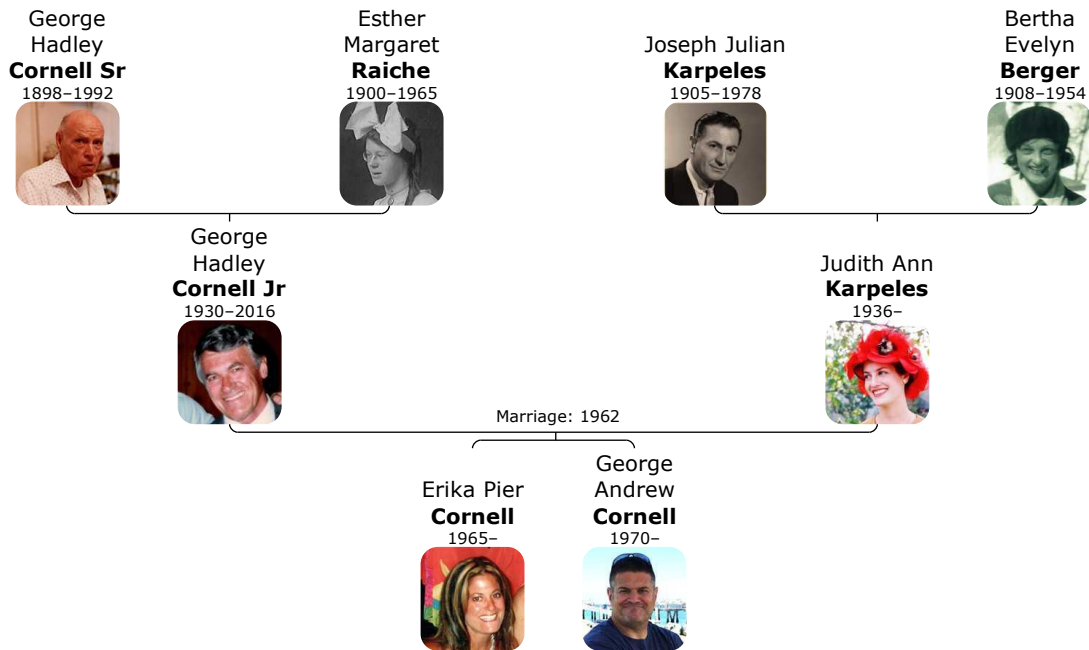
Daughter of Judith Ann Karpeles and Ronald Floyd Jacobson:

+ 12 f I. **Brigitte Ann Jacobson** was born in Los Angeles on July 03, 1959.



Brigitte

Family of Judith Karpeles and George Cornell



Here are the details about **Judith Ann Karpeles's** second marriage, with George Hadley Cornell Jr. You can read more about Judith Ann on page 103.

At the age of 26, Judith Ann Karpeles married **George Hadley Cornell Jr** on Wednesday, December 19, 1962, in San Diego, San Diego County, when he was 32 years old. They had two children.

George Hadley was born in Fairhaven, Bristol County, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, August 06, 1930.

He was the son of George Hadley Cornell Sr and Esther Margaret Raiche. He served in the military between 1948 and 1952. His rank was EM2 in the US Navy during the Korea Conflict.

George Hadley worked as an employee at Security First National Bank. This was a second job which he worked from about 4 a.m. - 8 a.m. before going to his main job at Eastman Kodak in San Diego, San Diego County, California, between 1962 and 1966. He worked as a representative/manager for Eastman Kodak in San Diego between 1962 and 1991.

George Hadley reached 85 years of age and died at 2822 Lloyd Street in San Diego on June 04, 2016. He was buried in San Diego. Miramar National Cemetery, Plot: Section B, Row 2, Site 13. Find a Grave memorial id 167488980.



George Hadley Cornell Jr

More facts and events for George Hadley Cornell Jr:

Accomplishments: 1964 - 1970 Built Belly Button Bounce, aka: Duck Soup.

Activities and Hobbies: Handyman extraordinaire.

Children of Judith Ann Karpeles and George Hadley Cornell Jr:

+ 13 f I. **Erika Pier Cornell** was born in San Diego on November 29, 1965.



Erika

+ 14 m II. **George Andrew Cornell** was born in San Diego on April 28, 1970. He is also known as **Andy**.



George



Figure 186: George Cornell in Duck Soup, aka Belly Button Bounce.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 187: George H Cornell Jr. Miramar National Cemetery Plaque, Plot Section: B, Row 2, Site 13, San Diego.

Melvyn Berger

8. **Melvyn Louis Berger** was born on Saturday, February 15, 1941, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. He was the son of Milton J Berger (4) and Sylvia Porton. He was also known as **Mel**.

Melvyn Louis celebrated his Bar Mitzvah. He died in New York in January 2015 at the age of 73.

More facts and events for Melvyn Louis Berger:

Residence: 1941 - 1950 Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California
1209 Highland

Residence: about 1950 Los Angeles
122 North Formosa Ave.

Residence: 1970 - 1990 England

Residence: 2015 New York, New York County, New York, USA

Marriages with Pamela Stewart and Pamela Carter (Page 116) are known.



Melvyn Louis
Berger



Figure 188: Mel Berger 1943.
Source: Joshua Berger.

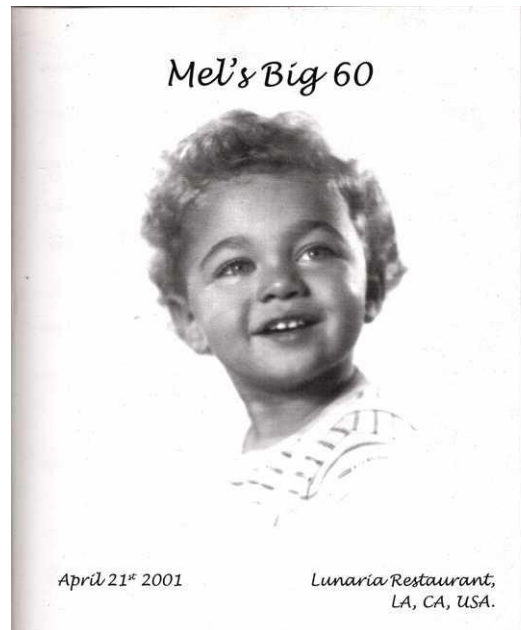


Figure 189: Mel Berger's 60th birthday.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 190: Mel and Phyllis Berger abt 1948
Source: Sandra Fernandez.



Figure 191: Mel Berger's Bar Mitzvah.
Source: Joshua Berger.



Figure 192: Mel and Phyllis Berger
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 193: Mel Berger and his children Josh and Monica.
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.



Figure 194: Josh, Mel and baby Lola Berger.
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.

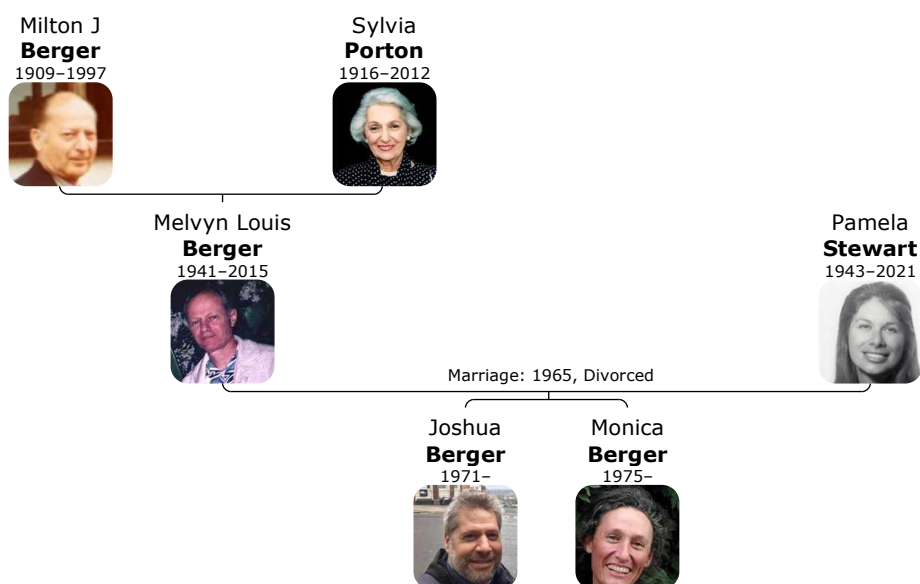


Figure 195: Mel Berger and daughter Monica.
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.



Figure 196: Mel, Josh Berger, Stephen Berger, Ben Berger, Anita (Harris' first wife and mother of Ben and Stephen), Hannah Strater, Monica Berger.
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.

Family of Melvyn Berger and Pamela Stewart



Here are the details about **Melvyn Louis Berger's** first marriage, with Pamela Stewart. You can read more about Melvyn Louis on page 111.

Melvyn Louis Berger married **Pamela Stewart** in 1965. They divorced. They had two children.

Pamela was born on Tuesday, January 26, 1943. She reached 78 years of age and died in England in October 2021.



Pamela Stewart

Children of Melvyn Louis Berger and Pamela Stewart:

- + 15 m I. **Joshua Berger** was born in London, Greater London, England (GB), on January 03, 1971. He is also known as **Josh**.
- + 16 f II. **Monica Berger** was born in London on August 08, 1975.



Joshua



Monica



Figure 197: Mel Berger and Pam Stewart.
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.

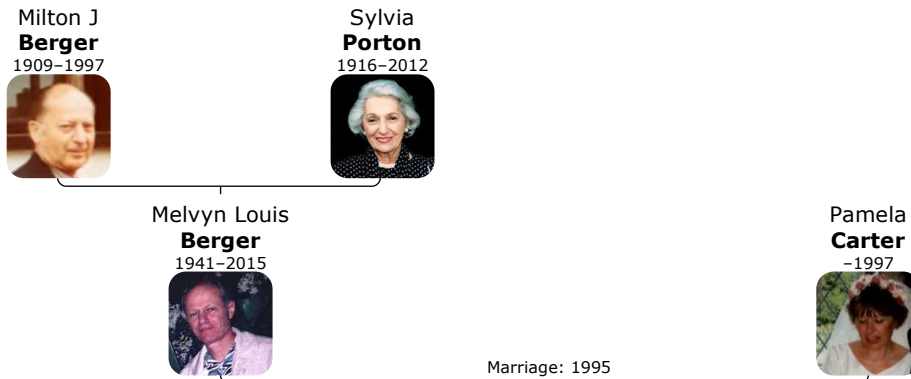


Figure 198: Mel and Pam nee Stewart.
Source: Joshua Berger.



Figure 199: Mel, Pam nee Stewart and Josh Berger.
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.

Family of Melvyn Berger and Pamela Carter



Here are the details about **Melvyn Louis Berger's** second marriage, with Pamela Carter. You can read more about Melvyn Louis on page 111.

Melvyn Louis Berger married **Pamela Carter** in 1995 in England. They had a Wedding celebration 14 Oct 1996 at Camelion's in Santa Monica. Pamela died in England in 1997.



Pamela Carter

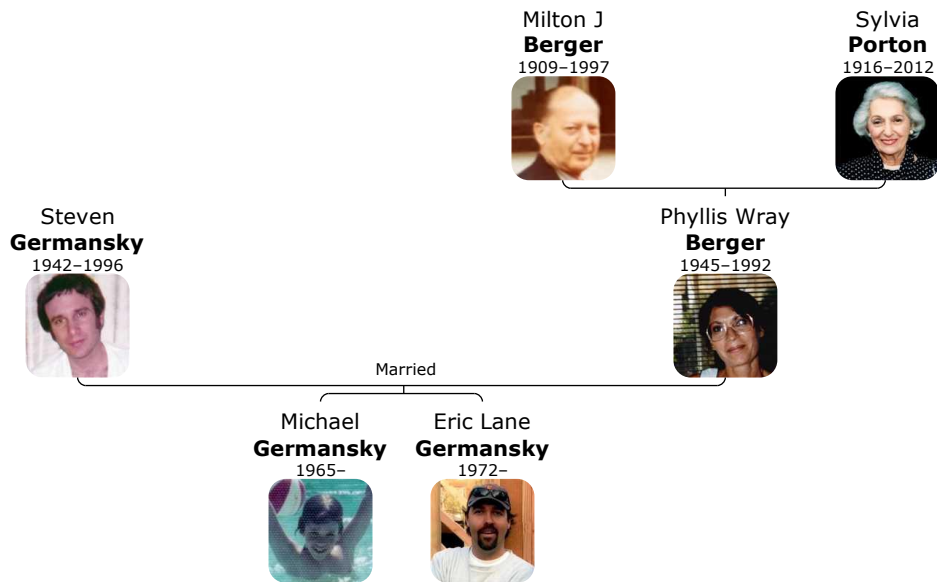


Figure 200: Mel Berger and Pam Carter's wedding 14 Oct 1996.
Source: Judith Cornell -> Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 201: Josh, Mel, Pam (nee Carter) Hannah Strater, Monica Berger.
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.

Family of Phyllis Berger and Steven Germansky



9. **Phyllis Wray Berger** was born on Monday, February 26, 1945, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. She was the daughter of Milton J Berger (4) and Sylvia Porton.



Phyllis Wray Berger

Phyllis Wray died in Los Angeles on January 24, 1992, at the age of 46.

She was buried in Los Angeles. Hollywood Hills, Mount Sinai Memorial Park. Memorial ID 232870674.

More facts and events for Phyllis Wray Berger:

Residence:	1950	Los Angeles 1209 Highland
Residence:	about 1950	Los Angeles 122 North Formosa Ave.
Residence:	1965 - 1984	Los Angeles 9736 Saturn Street
Residence:	1984 - 1992	Granada Hills 11838 Susan Dr
Activities and Hobbies:		Accomplished Artist.

Phyllis Wray married **Steven Germansky**. They had two sons.

Steven was born on Friday, July 03, 1942. He reached 53 years of age and died on June 15, 1996.



Steven Germansky

Sons of Phyllis Wray Berger and Steven Germansky:

m I. **Michael Germansky** was born on December 10, 1965. They were his parents by adoption.



Michael

+ 17 m II. **Eric Lane Germansky** was born on May 22, 1972. They were his parents by adoption.



Eric



Figure 202: Phyllis Berger.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 203: Phyllis Berger 7 years old.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 204: Phyllis Berger
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 205: Phyllis Berger and Steven
Germansky.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 206: Phyllis née Berger and Steven
Germansky.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 207: Phyllis with children Eric and
Michael Germansky.
Source: Eric Germansky.



Figure 208: Painted by Phyllis Berger. Mollie with her children (Bill, Bert, Milton, and Eddie)
Source: Hanging on wall in Harris Berger's home. Photo taken by Michele Zwillinger.

Michele Berger

- 10. Michele Paula Berger** was born on Tuesday, January 16, 1945, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. She is the daughter of Edward Abraham Berger (5) and Loretta Pearl Schwartz.

Michele Paula worked as an owner and the founder of Zwillinger Research in Encino between 1982 and 2025.

More facts and events for Michele Paula Berger:

Education:	University of California at Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in criminology. Berkley, Alameda County
Residence: 1949 - 1967	Los Angeles, Los Angeles County 163 So Formosa
Residence: 1972 - 2025	Encino 4414 Petit Ave, 91436

Marriages with Gregory Richard Zwillinger and Morton G Rosen (Page 124) are known.



Michele Paula
Berger



Figure 209: Harris Berger with wife Susan née Fisher, Mort Rosen with wife Michele.
Source: Michele Zwillinger's Facebook.



Figure 210: Michele née Berger abt 2019.
Michele Zwillinger's Facebook.



Figure 211: Mort Rosen, Zeff Zwillinger, Zach Zwillinger, Sophia, Michele née Berger, Danielle née Milkes, and Lily.
Source: Michele Zwillinger's Facebook.



Figure 212: Michele with her kids and grandkids. L->R: Sophia, Michele, Lily, Sam, Zeff and Zach.
Source: Michele Zwillinger's Facebook.

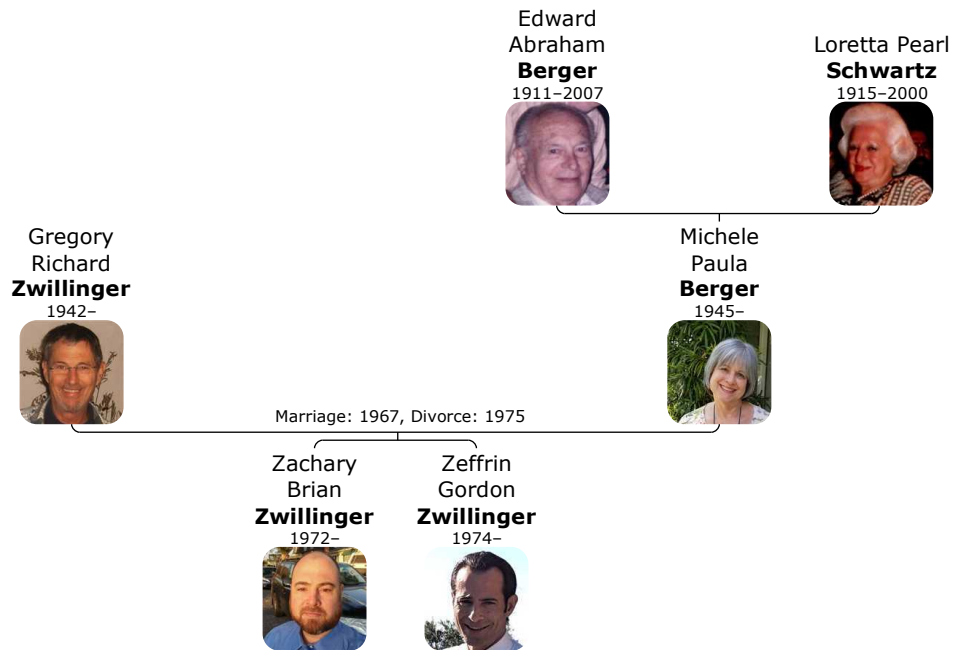


Figure 213: Michele Zwillinger with Lola.
Source: Michele Zwillinger's Facebook.



Figure 214: Michele née Berger and family with grandkids. L->R: Zach, Lily, Danielle née Milkes, Sam, Sophia, Michele, Zeff.
Source: Michele Zwillinger's Facebook.

Family of Michele Berger and Gregory Zwillinger



Here are the details about **Michele Paula Berger's** first marriage, with Gregory Richard Zwillinger. You can read more about Michele Paula on page 121.

At the age of 22, Michele Paula Berger married **Gregory Richard Zwillinger** on Saturday, August 19, 1967, in Los Angeles when he was 24 years old. They were divorced in Los Angeles in July 1975. They have two sons.

Gregory Richard was born on Sunday, September 06, 1942. He is also known as **Greg**.



Gregory Richard Zwillinger

Sons of Michele Paula Berger and Gregory Richard Zwillinger:

+ 18 m I. **Zachary Brian Zwillinger** was born in Los Angeles on December 13, 1972. He is also known as **Zach**.



Zachary

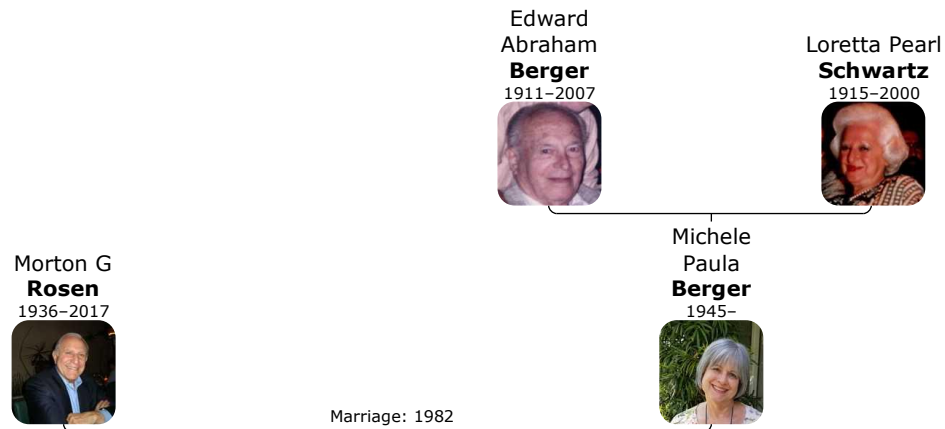
m II. **Zeffrin Gordon Zwillinger** was born on June 25, 1974.



Zeffrin

He is also known as **Zeff**. Per Michele, "...my younger son is named Zeff. That is Zev in Hebrew, which translate to Wolf in English...so my great grandfather's name has been recycled in your generation."

Family of Michele Berger and Morton Rosen



Here are the details about **Michele Paula Berger's** second marriage, with Morton G Rosen. You can read more about Michele Paula on page 121.

At the age of 37, Michele Paula Berger married **Morton G Rosen** on Sunday, February 14, 1982, in Los Angeles when he was 45 years old. Morton G was born on Saturday, May 02, 1936. He was also known as **Mort**.

Morton G was educated (at the Philadelphia's Central High School, Penn-Warton University, and Harvard Law School).

He served in the military. He was U.S. Army Airborne. Morton G reached 81 years of age and died in Encino on December 07, 2017.



Morton G Rosen

ROSEN, Morton G.

May 2, 1936 - December 7, 2017

Mentor and advisor to many, Morton G. "Mort" Rosen passed away December 7, 2017. He is missed by his wife, Michele Zwillinger; his sons Zachary (Danielle) Zwillinger and Zeffrin Zwillinger; his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and other relatives; friends, colleagues and clients. A graduate of Philadelphia's Central High School, Penn-Warton University, and Harvard Law School, Mort served in the US Army Airborne. His legacy is his positive influence on his extended family and the Law.

Figure 215: Rosen Morton Obituary

Harris Berger

- 11. Harris Ivan Berger** was born on Sunday, January 05, 1947, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. He is the son of Edward Abraham Berger (5) and Loretta Pearl Schwartz.

Harris Ivan retired. He spent his career as a Business Manager & Tax Consultant.



Harris Ivan Berger

More facts and events for Harris Ivan Berger:

Residence: August 1948 - 1965	Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California 163 So Formosa
Education: 1969	University of Southern California, USC Los Angeles
Residence: 1994 - 2000	Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada 9720 Terrace Green Ave Apt A
Residence: 2001 - 2005	Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California 163 So Formosa
Residence: 2005 - 2021	Encino 15620 Woodvale Rd
Residence: 2021	Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona

Marriages with Anita M Stein and Susan C Fisher (Page 128) are known.



Figure 216: Michele, Harris and Susan, February 2025.
Source: Michele Zwillinger.



Figure 217: Harris Berger with wife Susan née Fisher.

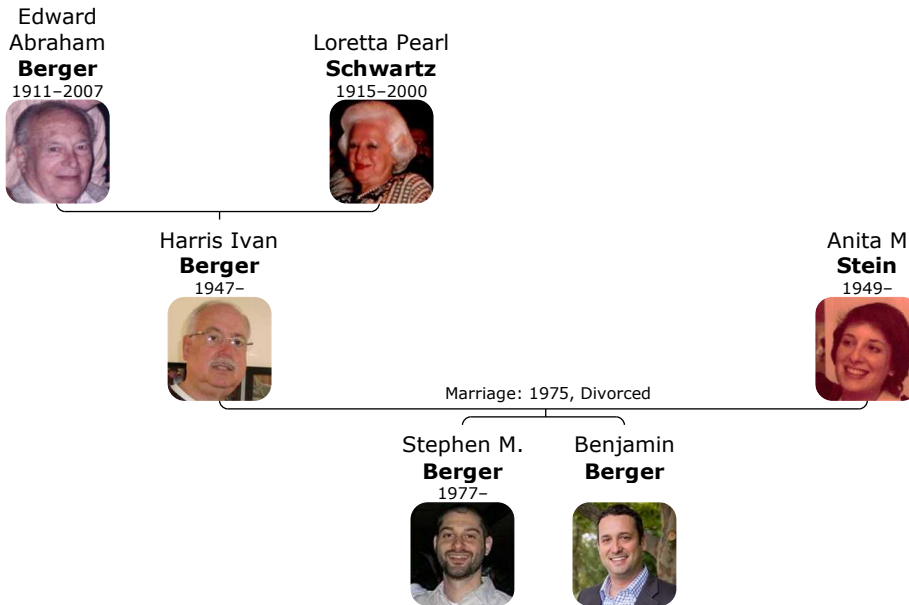
Source: Michele Zwillinger's Facebook.



Figure 218: Michele and Harris 2025

Source: Michele Zwillinger.

Family of Harris Berger and Anita Stein



Here are the details about **Harris Ivan Berger's** first marriage, with Anita M Stein. You can read more about Harris Ivan on page 125.

Harris Ivan Berger married **Anita M Stein** on Sunday, January 19, 1975, in Los Angeles. They are divorced. They have two sons.

Anita M was born in 1949.



Anita M Stein

Sons of Harris Ivan Berger and Anita M Stein:

+ 19 m I. **Stephen M. Berger** was born on January 30, 1977.



Stephen

+ 20 m II. **Benjamin Berger**. He is also known as **Ben**.



Benjamin

Family of Harris Berger and Susan Fisher

Edward
Abraham
Berger
1911-2007



Loretta Pearl
Schwartz
1915-2000



Harris Ivan
Berger
1947-



Susan C
Fisher



Marriage: 1998

Here are the details about **Harris Ivan Berger's** second marriage, with Susan C Fisher. You can read more about Harris Ivan on page 125.

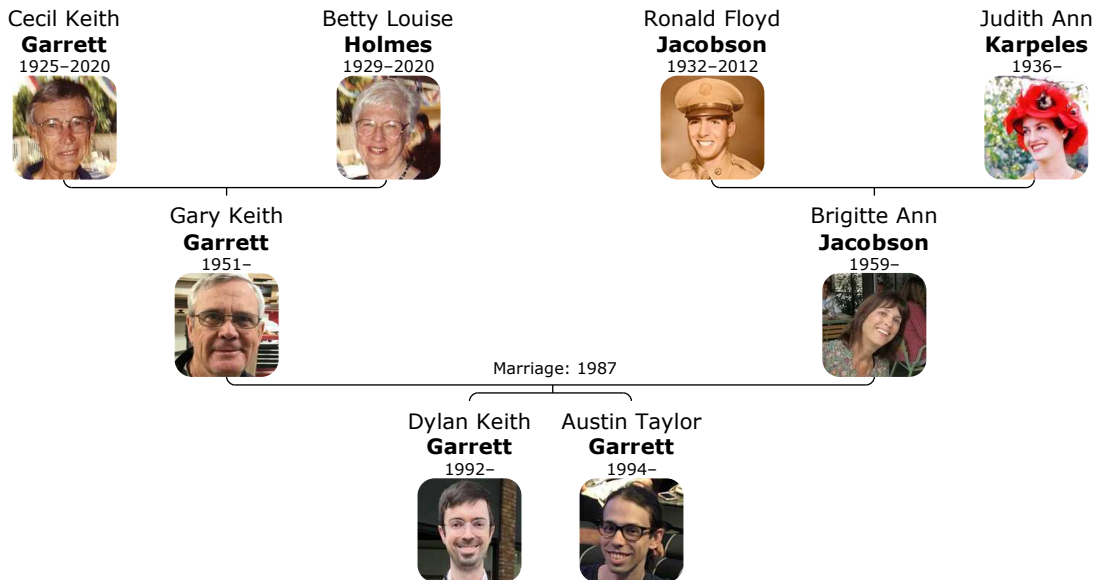
Harris Ivan Berger married **Susan C Fisher** on Thursday, December 03, 1998, in Clark County, Nevada.



Susan C Fisher

3rd Generation

Family of Brigitte Jacobson and Gary Garrett



- 12. Brigitte Ann Jacobson** was born on Friday, July 03, 1959, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. in the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, 1212 Shatto Street, 11:24 a.m., 6lbs 14 oz, 19 1/2 in. She is the daughter of Ronald Floyd Jacobson and Judith Ann Karpeles (7).



Brigitte Ann Jacobson

Brigitte Ann worked as a California Certified Public Accountant and in Corporate Accounting between 1981 and 1997. She worked as a Co-owner of a promotional products business named BG Promos between 2001 and 2021.

More facts and events for Brigitte Ann Jacobson:

Residence:	1959	Tarzana, Los Angeles County, California 5733 Geyser Ave.
Residence:	1962 - 1972	San Diego, San Diego County 6430 Chandler Dr.
Residence:	1972 - 1973	Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona
Residence:	1973 - 1977	La Palma, Orange County, California 7511 Silverado Ln. 90623-1447
Residence:	June 1977 - 1979	San Diego, San Diego County 2822 Lloyd Street 92117
Residence:	1979 - 1981	Garden Grove, Orange County
Residence:	1981 - 1983	Buena Park 5822 Los Angeles Way
Residence:	about 1985	Corona Del Mar

Residence:	1986 - 1993	Newport Beach 107 Harbor Island Road, (POB 427, Balboa Island, CA 92662). When Brigitte met Gary, he was already living on Freedom's Hope, a 50' steel ketch sailboat. She moved aboard in about 1987 and they lived there until 1993. Their first son Dylan lived aboard for his first year.
Residence:	August 22, 1987	Irvine 387 Stanford Court (while rehabbing boat).
Residence:	1993 - 1995	Escazú, San Jose, Costa Rica
Residence:	1995 - 1996	Spring, Harris County, Texas, USA 93 N Concord Forest Cir, 77381 - The Woodlands
Residence:	1996 - 1997	Brecksville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Residence:	1997 - 2002	Alpharetta, Fulton County, Georgia 1025 Chasewood Trail, 30005
Residence:	2008 - 2024	Oakwood, Hall County 4785 Propes Dr. 30566

At the age of 28, Brigitte Ann married **Gary Keith Garrett** on Saturday, August 22, 1987, at an ocean view hotel by Unitarian Minister Garth Van Nest in Carmel, Monterey County, California, when he was 35 years old. They have two sons.



Gary Keith Garrett

Gary Keith was born at San Gabriel Valley Hospital, 115 E. Broadway, time: 3:15 pm in San Gabriel, Los Angeles County, on Monday, November 05, 1951. He is the son of Cecil Keith Garrett and Betty Louise Holmes.

He was educated in Los Angeles (UCLA College.). Gary Keith worked as a Sales Manager in the Computer Software Industry on August 22, 1987. He worked as a Slick 50 Sales VP 1187 Brittmoore Rd 77043-5003 in Houston, Harris County, Texas, in 1995. Gary Keith worked as a Co-owner of a promotional products business named BG Promos between 2001 and 2021.

Sons of Brigitte Ann Jacobson and Gary Keith Garrett:

- m I. **Dylan Keith Garrett** was born in Newport Beach, Orange County, on September 04, 1992. He was educated in Alpharetta, Fulton County, Georgia, between 2006 and 2009 (Alpharetta High School.).



Dylan

Dylan Keith was educated in Atlanta between 2009 and 2013 (at Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Tech, earning a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science). He worked as a Microsoft Engineer in Seattle, King County, Washington, between 2013 and 2023.

More facts and events for Dylan Keith Garrett:

Accomplishments: about 2008 Eagle Scout Rank

- m II. **Austin Taylor Garrett** was born at Clinica Santa Rita in San Jose, Costa Rica, on August 29, 1994.



Austin

He was educated in Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia, USA, between 2000 and 2022 (University of North Georgia - Gainesville Campus, Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A) in Sound Design for Theater). Austin Taylor was educated in Alpharetta, Fulton County, between 2008 and 2011 (Alpharetta High School.).

He has worked as an Audio Visual Tech at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta between 2023 and 2025.

More facts and events for Austin Taylor Garrett:

Accomplishments: about 2010 Eagle Scout Rank



Figure 219: Brigitte's senior photo in 1977 at John F. Kennedy High School, La Palma California.

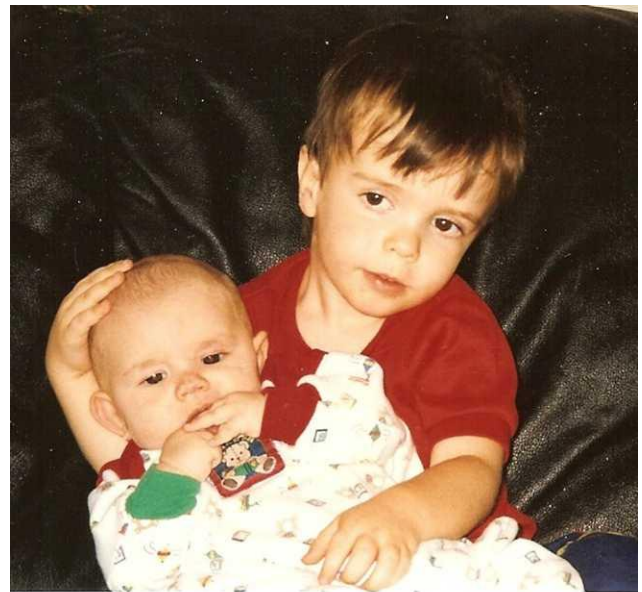


Figure 220: Dylan and Austin Garrett 1994.
Source: Brigitte Garrett.

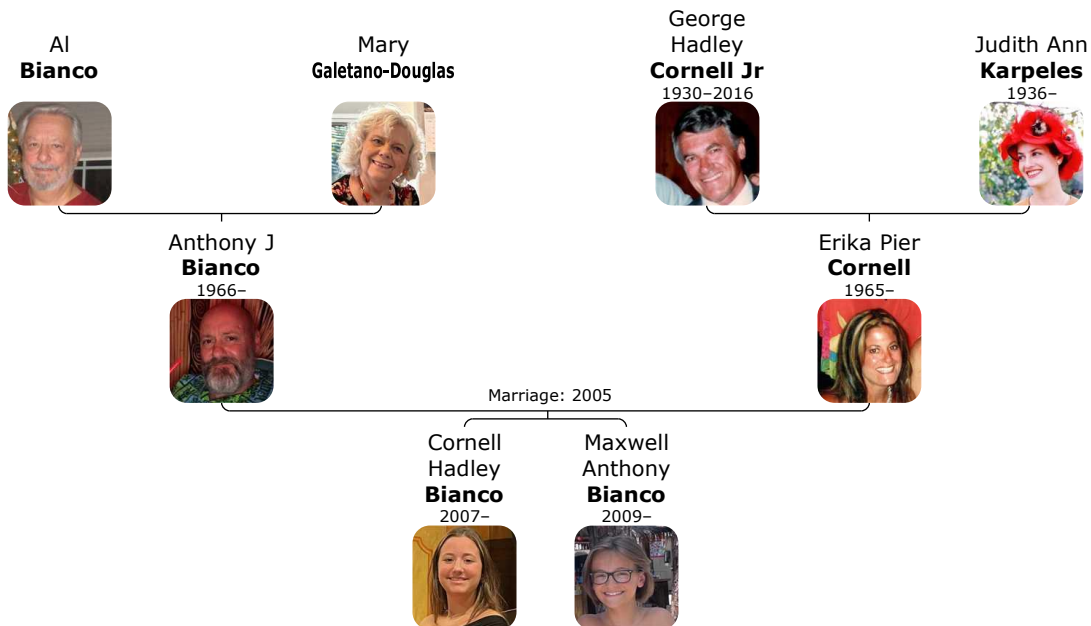


Figure 221: Gary and Brigitte Garrett.
Source: Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 222: Gary, Brigitte, Austin and Dylan Garrett.
Source: Brigitte Garrett.

Family of Erika Cornell and Anthony Bianco



- 13. Erika Pier Cornell** was born on Monday, November 29, 1965, in San Diego, San Diego County, California, USA. She is the daughter of George Hadley Cornell Jr and Judith Ann Karpeles (7).



Erika Pier Cornell

More facts and events for Erika Pier Cornell:

Residence: November 29, 1965 - 1972	San Diego, San Diego County, California 6430 Chandler Dr.
Residence: 1972 - 1973	Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona
Residence: 1973 - 1977	La Palma, Orange County, California 7511 Silverado Ln. 90623-1447
Residence: 1977 - 1987	San Diego, San Diego County 2822 Lloyd Street 92117
Residence: 2003 - 2006	Aliso Viejo, Orange County
Residence: 2006 - 2009	Vail, Pima County, Arizona 14128 E Camino Galante. 85641-2064
Residence: 2010 - 2014	South Hero, Grand Isle County, Vermont
Residence: 2014 - 2017	Rouses Point, Clinton County, New York
Residence: 2016 - 2020	Virginia Beach, Princess Anne County, Virginia
Residence: 2020	Freeport, Walton County, Florida 359 Meadow Lake Drive

At the age of 39, Erika Pier married **Anthony J Bianco** on Saturday, April 02, 2005, when he was 38 years old. They have two children.

Anthony J was born in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on Monday, June 06, 1966. He is the son of Al Bianco and Mary Galetano-Douglas.



Anthony J Bianco

He worked as a Sherrif in Walton County, Florida, between 2020 and 2025.

Children of Erika Pier Cornell and Anthony J Bianco:

- f I. **Cornell Hadley Bianco** was born in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, on August 17, 2007. She is also known as **Coco**.
- m II. **Maxwell Anthony Bianco** was born on October 27, 2009. He is also known as **Max**.



Cornell



Maxwell



Figure 223: Erika Cornell's senior photo at Mission Bay High School, San Diego.

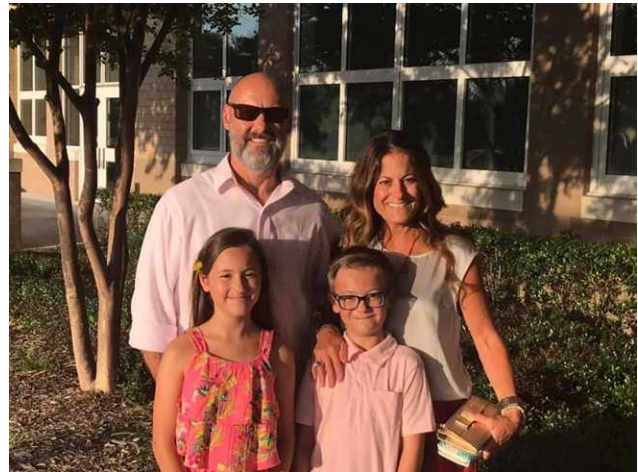


Figure 224: Anthony, Erika, Coco and Max Bianco.

Source: Erika Bianco's Facebook.

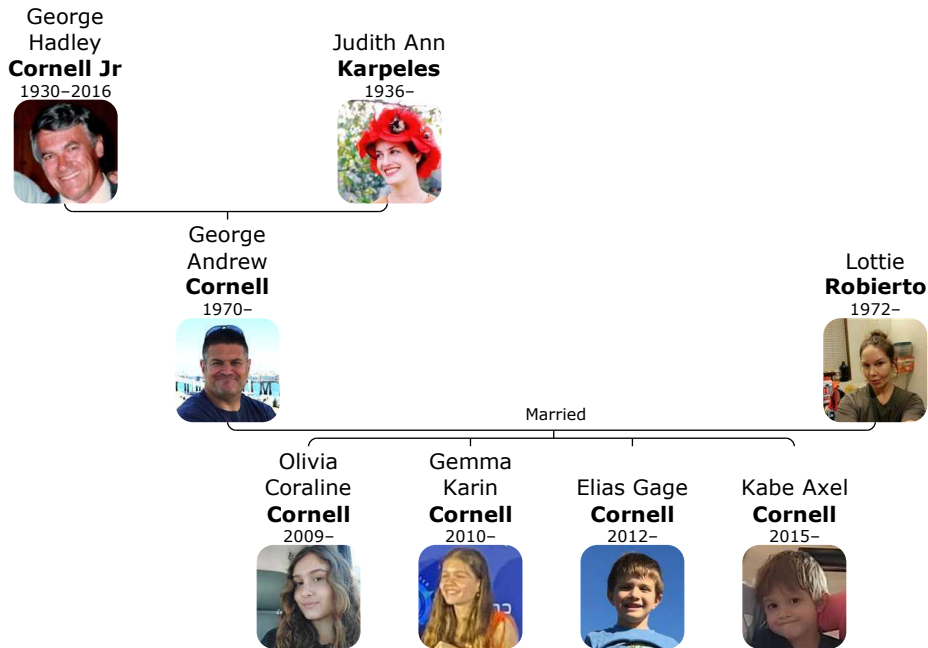


Figure 225: Max, Anthony, Erika and Coco Bianco.
Source: Erika Bianco's Facebook.



Figure 226: Erika, Max, Anthony and Coco Bianco 2024.
Source: Erika Bianco's Facebook.

Family of George Cornell and Lottie Robierto



- 14. George Andrew Cornell** was born on Tuesday, April 28, 1970, in San Diego, San Diego County, California, USA. He is the son of George Hadley Cornell Jr and Judith Ann Karpeles (7). He is also known as **Andy**.

George Andrew works as a Firefighter in San Diego.



George Andrew Cornell

More facts and events for George Andrew Cornell:

Residence: 1970 - 1972 San Diego
6430 Chandler Dr.

Residence: 1972 - 1973 Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona

Residence: 1973 - 1977 La Palma, Orange County, California
7511 Silverado Ln. 90623-1447

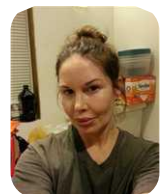
Residence: 1977 - 1993 San Diego, San Diego County
2822 Lloyd Street 92117

Residence: 1993 - 1995 San Diego
3950 Mahaila Ave Apt C21, 92122.

Residence: 1998 - 2024 San Diego
2128 Erie St

He married **Lottie Robierto**. They have four children.

Lottie was born in New York, New York County, New York, on Tuesday, June 20, 1972.



Lottie Robierto

Children of George Andrew Cornell and Lottie Robierto:

- f I. **Olivia Coraline Cornell** was born in San Diego, San Diego County, California, on May 08, 2009.
- f II. **Gemma Karin Cornell** was born in San Diego on July 08, 2010.
- m III. **Elias Gage Cornell** was born in San Diego on November 21, 2012. He is also known as **Eli**.
- m IV. **Kabe Axel Cornell** was born in San Diego on October 29, 2015.



Olivia



Gemma



Elias



Kabe



Figure 227: Andy Cornell senior photo 1988, Mission Bay High School, San Diego.



Figure 228: Gemma, Kabe and Elias Cornell.
Source: Lottie Cornell's Facebook.



Figure 229: Olivia and Gemma Cornell
Source: Lottie Cornell's Facebook.



Figure 230: Andy, Lottie, Olivia, Gemma, Elias and Kabe Cornell
Source: Brigitte Garrett.



Figure 231: Josh, Hannah, Lola and Zoë Berger.
Source: Joshua Berger's Facebook.



Figure 232: Joshua Berger and wife Hannah.
Source: Joshua Berger's Facebook.

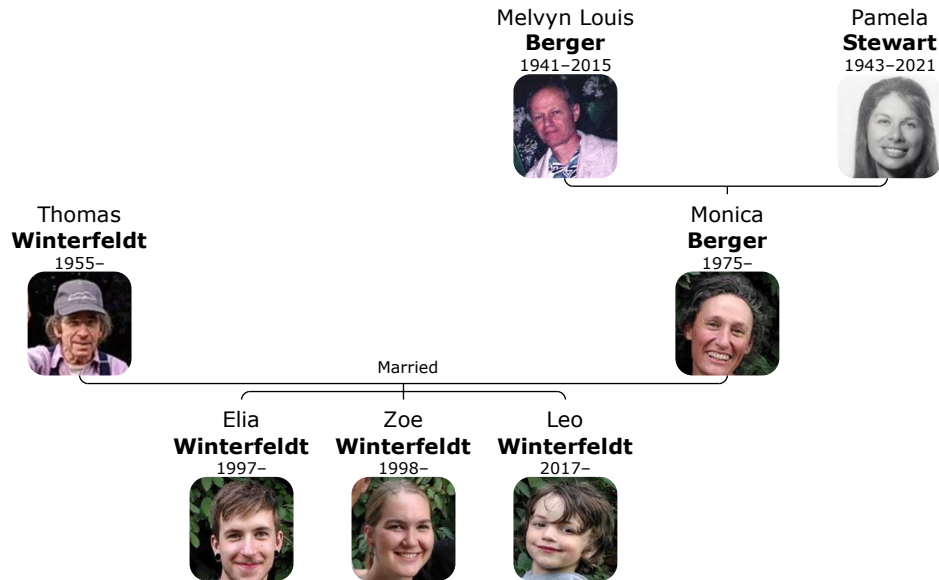


Figure 233: Joshua Berger abt 2019.
Source: Joshua Berger's Facebook.



Figure 234: Joshua Berger with his wife Hannah about 2023.
Source: Joshua Berger's Facebook.

Family of Monica Berger and Thomas Winterfeldt



- 16. Monica Berger** was born on Friday, August 08, 1975, in London, Greater London, England (GB). She is the daughter of Melvyn Louis Berger (8) and Pamela Stewart.



Monica Berger

More facts and events for Monica Berger:

Residence: 2024 England

She married **Thomas Winterfeldt**. They have three children.

Thomas was born on Saturday, August 20, 1955.



Thomas Winterfeldt

Children of Monica Berger and Thomas Winterfeldt:

- m I. **Elia Winterfeldt** was born in Wächtersbach, Main-Kinzig-Kreis, Hesse, Germany, on February 05, 1997. Monica Berger is his stepmother.
- f II. **Zoe Winterfeldt** was born in Kenya, Katanga, Congo, on October 27, 1998. Monica Berger is her stepmother.



Elia



Zoe

m III. **Leo Winterfeldt** was born in Brighton, Cornwall, England, on October 08, 2017. They are his parents by adoption.



Leo



Figure 235: Thomas Winterfeldt, Pam Stewart Berger, Leo Winterfeldt, Monica Berger Winterfeldt.

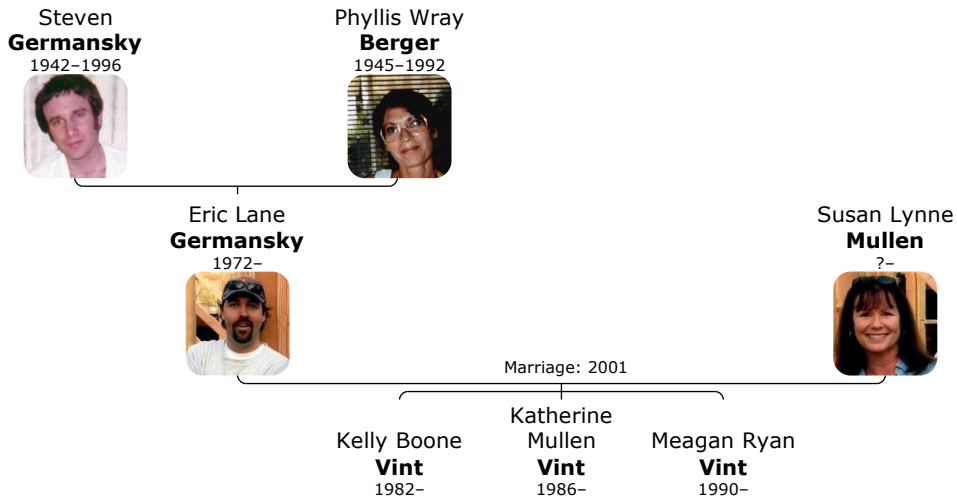
Source: Monica Winterfeldt.



Figure 236: Thomas, Zoe, Elia, Monica nee Berger and Leo Winterfeldt.

Source: Monica Winterfeldt.

Family of Eric Germansky and Susan Mullen



- 17. Eric Lane Germansky** was born on Monday, May 22, 1972. He is the son of Steven Germansky and Phyllis Wray Berger (9). They were his parents by adoption.



Eric Lane
Germansky

More facts and events for Eric Lane Germansky:

Residence: 1972 - 1984 Los Angeles
9736 Saturn Street

Residence: 1984 Granada Hills
11838 Susan Dr

Education: March 15, 1990 Los Angeles

Residence: 1995 - 2025 Studio City
4309 Bellingham Ave.

Eric Lane married **Susan Lynne Mullen** on Sunday, December 16, 2001, in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. Per Eric, he and Sue were first married on 16 Dec 2001 in Las Vegas but prefer to recognize 27 Jul 2002 when married in Sherman Oaks, CA. They have three daughters.



Susan Lynne
Mullen

Susan Lynne was born on February 26.

Daughters of Eric Lane Germansky and Susan Lynne Mullen:

- f I. **Kelly Boone Vint** was born on March 19, 1982. Eric Lane Germansky is her stepfather.
- f II. **Katherine Mullen Vint** was born on September 11, 1986. Eric Lane Germansky is her stepfather.

- f III. **Meagan Ryan Vint** was born on February 09, 1990. Eric Lane Germansky is her stepfather.

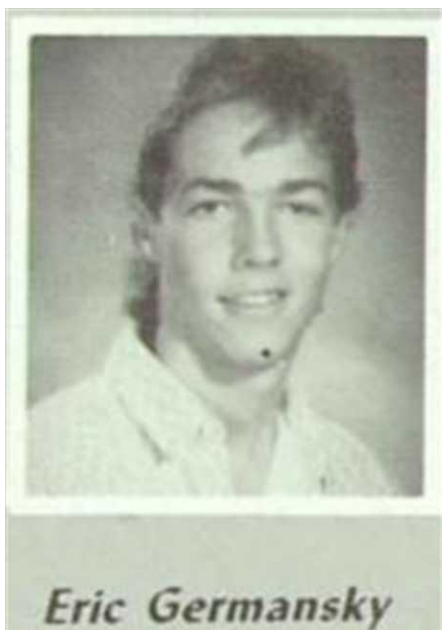


Figure 237: Germansky Eric, John F Kennedy High School 1989.

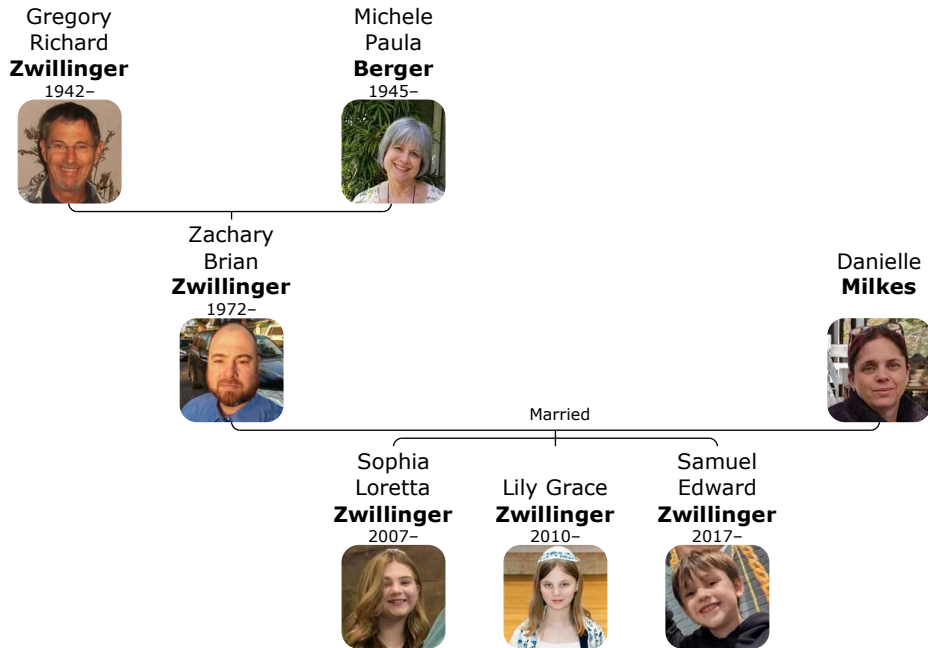


Figure 238: Eric Germansky and family.
Source: Eric Germansky or Sue Mullen's Facebook.



Figure 239: Eric Germansky, Sue Mullen and Family.
Source: Eric Germansky's Facebook.

Family of Zachary Zwillinger and Danielle Milkes



- 18. Zachary Brian Zwillinger** was born on Wednesday, December 13, 1972, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. He is the son of Gregory Richard Zwillinger and Michele Paula Berger (10). He is also known as **Zach**.



Zachary Brian Zwillinger

More facts and events for Zachary Brian Zwillinger:

Residence: 2000 - 2025 Long Beach

Zachary Brian married **Danielle Milkes**. They have three children.



Danielle Milkes

Children of Zachary Brian Zwillinger and Danielle Milkes:

- f I. **Sophia Loretta Zwillinger** was born in Tarzana on July 11, 2007.



Sophia

f II. **Lily Grace Zwillinger** was born in Tarzana on March 08, 2010.



Lily

m III. **Samuel Edward Zwillinger** was born in Tarzana on February 15, 2017. He is also known as **Sam**.



Samuel



Figure 240: Zach and his wife Danielle.
Source: Zachary Zwillinger's Facebook.

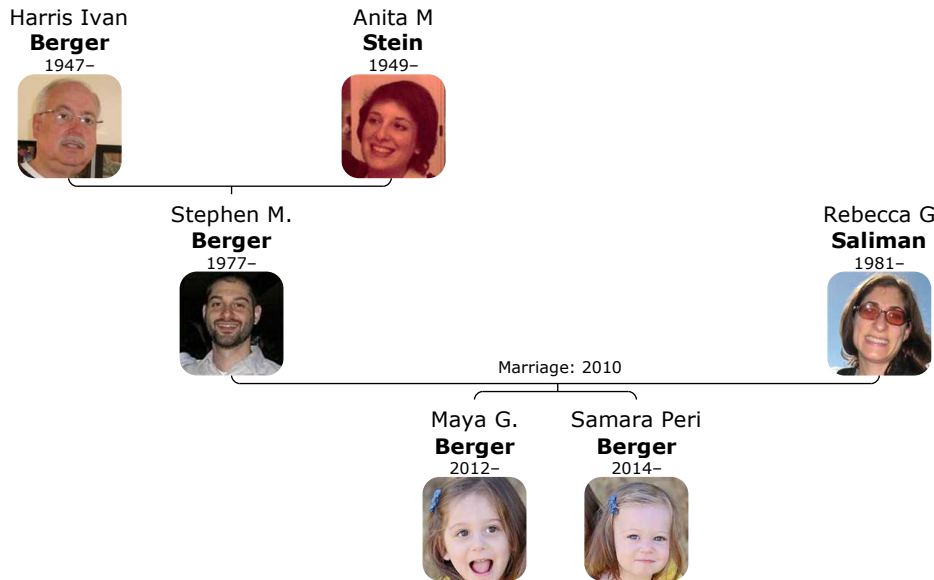


Figure 241: Zach Zwillinger and Danielle Milkes.
Source: Zachary Zwillinger's Facebook.



Figure 242: Zach Zwillinger and his children Lily, Sophia and Sam.
Source: Zachary Zwillinger's Facebook.

Family of Stephen Berger and Rebecca Saliman



19. **Stephen M. Berger** was born on Sunday, January 30, 1977. He is the son of Harris Ivan Berger (11) and Anita M Stein.

At the age of 33, Stephen M. married **Rebecca G Saliman** on Sunday, December 19, 2010, when she was 29 years old. They have two daughters.

Rebecca G was born on Wednesday, August 12, 1981.

Daughters of Stephen M. Berger and Rebecca G Saliman:

- f I. **Maya G. Berger** was born on April 03, 2012.
- f II. **Samara Peri Berger** was born on January 26, 2014.



Stephen M.
Berger



Rebecca G
Saliman



Maya



Samara

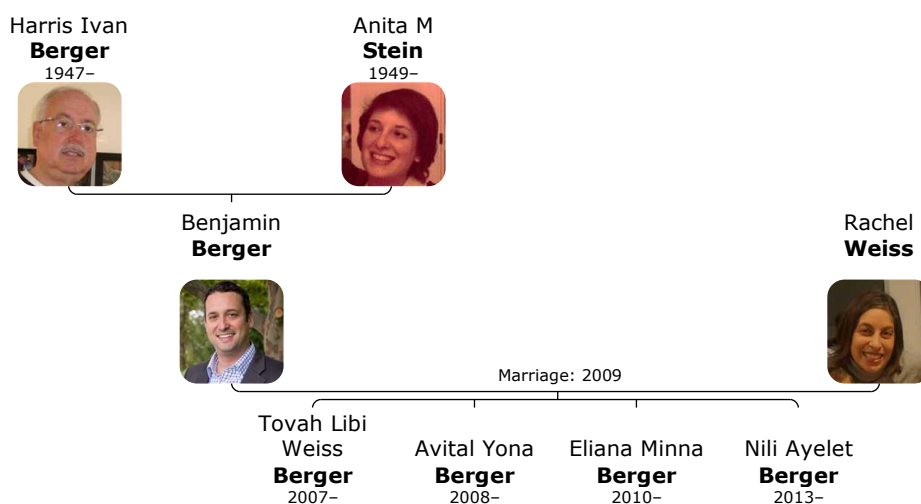


Figure 243: Stephen, baby Samara, Rebecca and toddler Maya Berger.
Source: Rebecca Berger's Facebook.



Figure 244: Maya and Samara Berger
Source: Rebecca Berger's Facebook.

Family of Benjamin Berger and Rachel Weiss



- 20. Rabbi Benjamin Berger.** He is the son of Harris Ivan Berger (11) and Anita M Stein. He is also known as **Ben**. Benjamin is known by the title of Rabbi.



Benjamin Berger

Benjamin married **Rachel Weiss** on Sunday, August 16, 2009. They have four daughters.



Rachel Weiss

Daughters of Benjamin Berger and Rachel Weiss:

- f I. **Tovah Libi Weiss Berger** was born in New York, New York County, New York, USA, on July 25, 2007.
- f II. **Avital Yona Berger** was born on December 08, 2008.
- f III. **Eliana Minna Berger** was born on April 26, 2010.
- f IV. **Nili Ayelet Berger** was born on February 20, 2013.



Figure 245: Ben Berger and family.
Source: Benjamin Berger's Facebook.



Figure 246: Ben Berger and family.
Source: Benjamin Berger's Facebook.



Figure 247: Ben Berger's family.
Source: Benjamin Berger's Facebook.

Appendix A - Descendants of Morris BERGER

1	2	3	4	5
				<p>Morris BERGER b. 10/25/1882, d. 10/11/1931 (48) + Mollie LEVY b. 9/5/1885, d. bet. 8/14/1968 and 8/15/1968 (83)</p>
				<p>① William BERGER b. 3/14/1906, d. 1/5/2000 (94) + Mildred FOX b. 2/3/1908, d. 3/22/1982 (74)</p>
				<p>① Sandra Lee BERGER b. 8/18/1946 + Jose Torres FERNANDEZ b. abt. 1910</p>
				<p>② Bertha Evelyn BERGER b. 2/15/1908, d. 6/12/1954 (46) + Joseph Julian KARPELES b. 6/16/1905, d. 9/26/1978 (73)</p>
				<p>① Barbara Jean KARPELES b. 2/27/1934, d. 2/27/1934</p>
				<p>② Judith Ann KARPELES b. 7/21/1936 + Ronald Floyd JACOBSON b. 8/22/1932, d. 12/30/2012 (80)</p>
				<p>① Brigitte Ann JACOBSON b. 7/3/1959 + Gary Keith GARRETT b. 11/5/1951</p>
				<p>① Dylan Keith GARRETT b. 9/4/1992</p>
				<p>② Austin Taylor GARRETT b. 8/29/1994</p>
				<p>+ George Hadley CORNELL Jr b. 8/6/1930, d. 6/4/2016 (86)</p>
				<p>① Erika Pier CORNELL b. 11/29/1965 + Anthony J BIANCO b. 6/6/1966</p>
				<p>① Cornell Hadley BIANCO b. 8/17/2007</p>
				<p>② Maxwell Anthony BIANCO b. 10/27/2009</p>
				<p>② George Andrew CORNELL b. 4/28/1970 + Lottie ROBIERTO b. 6/20/1972</p>
				<p>① Olivia Coraline CORNELL b. 5/8/2009</p>
				<p>② Gemma Karin CORNELL b. 7/8/2010</p>
				<p>③ Elias Gage CORNELL b. 11/21/2012</p>
				<p>④ Kabe Axel CORNELL b. 10/29/2015</p>
				<p>③ Milton J BERGER b. 9/29/1909, d. 7/15/1997 (88) + Sylvia PORTON b. 6/18/1916, d. 3/15/2012 (96)</p>
				<p>① Melvyn Louis BERGER b. 2/15/1941, d. 1/2015 (74) + Pamela STEWART b. 1/26/1943, d. 10/2021 (79)</p>
				<p>① Joshua BERGER b. 1/3/1971 + Hannah STRÄTER b. 11/11/1970</p>
				<p>① Lola BERGER b. 1/1/2002</p>
				<p>② Zoë BERGER b. 12/21/2003</p>
				<p>② Monica BERGER b. 8/8/1975 + Thomas WINTERFELDT b. 8/20/1955</p>
				<p>① Elia WINTERFELDT b. 2/5/1997</p>
				<p>② Zoe WINTERFELDT b. 10/27/1998</p>
				<p>③ Leo WINTERFELDT b. 10/8/2017</p>
				<p>+ Pamela CARTER d. 1997</p>
				<p>② Phyllis Wray BERGER b. 2/26/1945, d. 1/24/1992</p>

3/19/2025

Figure 248: Morris Berger Descendants summary

Appendix A - Descendants of Morris BERGER					2
1	2	3	4	5	
			(47)		
			+ Steven GERMANSKY b. 7/3/1942, d. 6/15/1996 (54)		
			① Michael GERMANSKY b. 12/10/1965		
			② Eric Lane GERMANSKY b. 5/22/1972		
			+ Susan Lynne MULLEN b. 2/26		
			① Kelly Boone VINT b. 3/19/1982		
			② Katherine Mullen VINT b. 9/11/1986		
			③ Meagan Ryan VINT b. 2/9/1990		
		④ Edward Abraham BERGER b. 5/25/1911, d. 7/13/2007 (96)			
		+ Loretta Pearl SCHWARTZ b. 10/16/1915, d. 1/25/2000 (84)			
		① Michele Paula BERGER b. 1/16/1945			
		+ Gregory Richard ZWILLINGER b. 9/6/1942			
		① Zachary Brian ZWILLINGER b. 12/13/1972			
		+ Danielle MILKES			
		① Sophia Loretta ZWILLINGER b. 7/11/2007			
		② Lily Grace ZWILLINGER b. 3/8/2010			
		③ Samuel Edward ZWILLINGER b. 2/15/2017			
		② Zeffrin Gordon ZWILLINGER b. 6/25/1974			
		+ Morton G ROSEN b. 5/2/1936, d. 12/7/2017 (82)			
		② Harris Ivan BERGER b. 1/5/1947			
		+ Anita M STEIN b. 1949			
		① Stephen M. BERGER b. 1/30/1977			
		+ Rebecca G SALIMAN b. 8/12/1981			
		① Maya G. BERGER b. 4/3/2012			
		② Samara Peri BERGER b. 1/26/2014			
		② Benjamin BERGER			
		+ Rachel WEISS			
		① Tovah Libi Weiss BERGER b. 7/25/2007			
		② Avital Yona BERGER b. 12/8/2008			
		③ Eliana Minna BERGER b. 4/26/2010			
		④ Nili Ayelet BERGER b. 2/20/2013			
		+ Susan C FISHER			

3/19/2025

Figure 249: Morris Berger Descendants summary

Appendix B - Berger Brother Store History

This research was assembled to determine and document the Berger Brother stores owned, dates opened, and their locations based on media found in Newspapers.com, accessed with a paid membership during February 2025. All media is attached in the order that it was published. The Gardena Valley Times, does not seem to be documented in the Newspaper.com archive after December 1965 so this is not the complete story. No closing dates were found for any of the stores.

Berger Brothers Store History

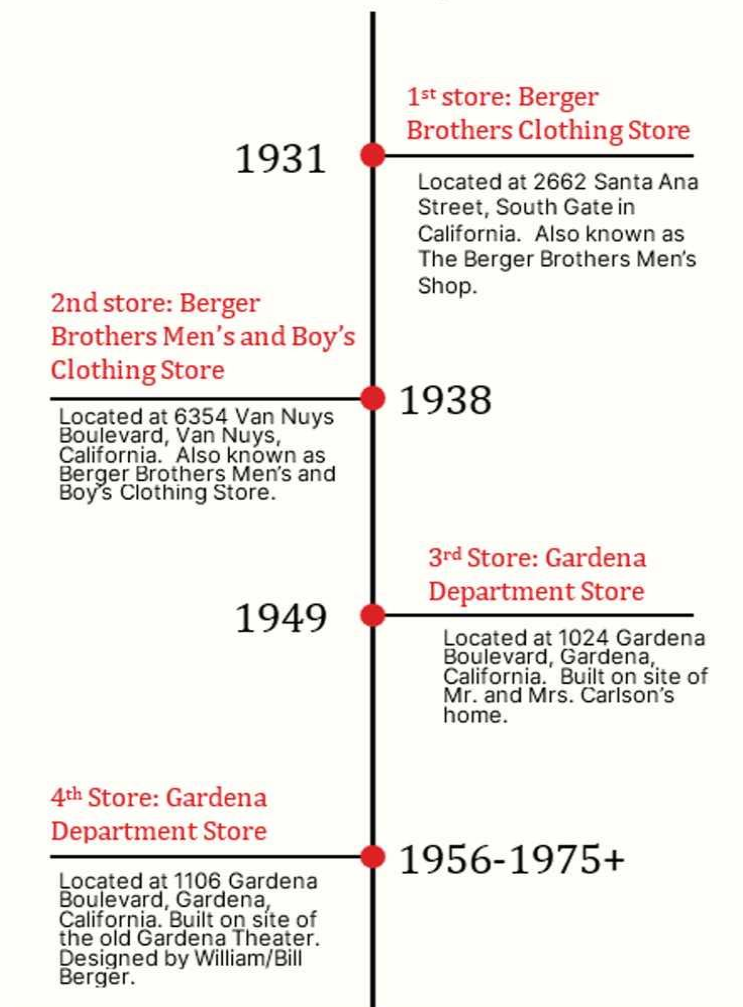


Figure 250: Berger Bros Store History appendix

The Berger brothers - Milton, Eddie, and Bill - were at the helm of four thriving retail locations from 1931 until at least 1975, a period documented through various newspaper articles found in the appendix of this book. While we know the stores were operational for decades, the exact closing dates of each remain elusive.

From the very beginning, Milton and Eddie were hands-on, working full-time in the daily operations. Sandy, the daughter of Bill, recalled that her father wasn't physically involved with the stores until 1945 when he left his job at the Corps of Engineers. She also shared that, in addition to running their clothing stores, the brothers partnered in investments in real estate and stocks.

Their first store, Berger Brothers Clothing Store, opened in 1931 at 2662 Santa Ana Street in South Gate, California. Just two years later, on October 9, 1933, the store became the victim of a robbery. Armed thieves locked Ed and Bill in a rear room and made off with approximately \$20. The thieves made their escape by running through an alley and jumping into a "machine" parked nearby. This story, reported in the South Gate Daily Press-Tribune, marks the earliest known media mention of the Berger stores. Interestingly, the stolen money was specifically earmarked for the newly implemented state sales tax.

In March 1938, the brothers expanded by opening their second store at 6354 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California. The Berger Brothers Men's and Boy's Clothing Store featured men's furnishings, except suits. The building had recently been modernized, with updated display windows, as reported by The Van Nuys News on March 24, 1938. Sandy (Bill's daughter) recalls that the store was frequented by Hollywood actors and extras from the Westerns; "Dad knew Joel McCreia, Eddie Kover, and others that I can't remember, and ranchers that we still visited years later. One time we found McCreia's cattle all out on the Norwegian Grade Moorpark Rd. at night! And we drove up to the ranch house and let them know, lol! The other big ranchers were the Rincon Ranch who had a special rare breed of horses, and I remember the ancient vaqueros making fun of me because I wanted to be a cowgirl, ha:)"

By 1949, the Berger brothers had opened a third location in Gardena, California, appropriately named The Gardena Department Store. It was located at 1024 Gardena Blvd, and the store quickly became known for its welcoming motto: "Your Friendly Shopping Center." In early 1950, the store began advertising in The Garden Valley News, a relationship that would continue for years.

Figure 251: Berger Bros Store History appendix

The store's growth continued, and in March 1956, the Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune reported an exciting development; "work had begun on a new and modern version of the Gardena Department Store". This ambitious project, designed by Bill Berger, was set to replace the Gardena Theater at 1024 Gardena Blvd. Bill described the new store as "the most modern, convenient, and carefully planned store in the entire area." The store's grand opening in November 1956 was met with excitement, and the headline read, "Gardena Dept Store Thronged for Opening," a testament to the brothers' success.

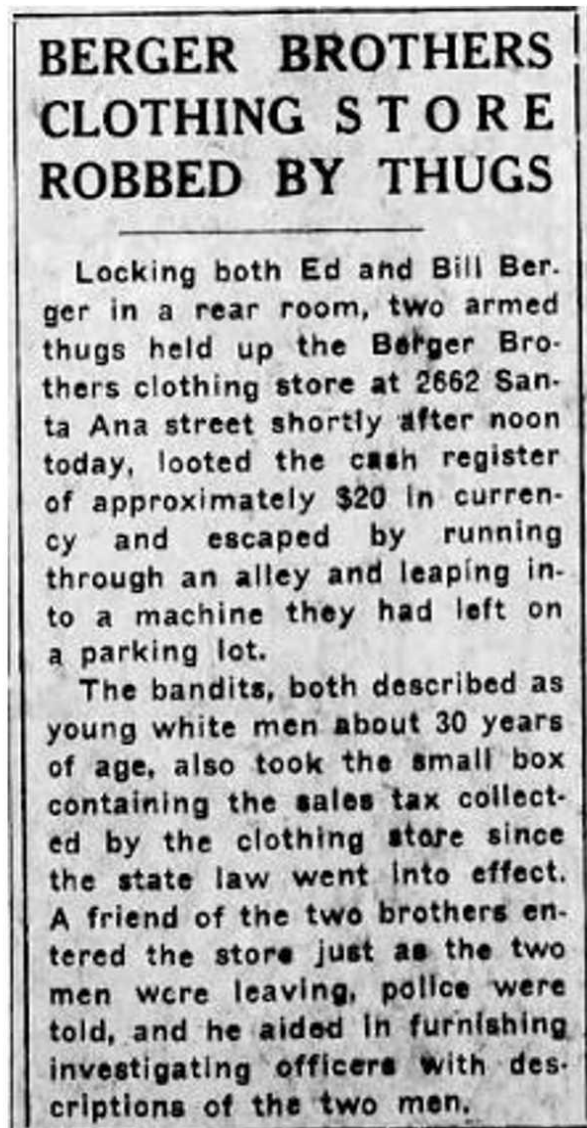
The Gardena Department Store celebrated its 25th anniversary in November 1975, and the Garden Valley News marked the occasion with a special feature. Long-time employees, including Melba Crump, Julian Amuchastegui, and Steve Germansky, were spotlighted. Sandy fondly remembered Julian, noting he was a "very nice person" of Spanish Basque descent. She recalled a memorable Christmas when Julian's father, a sheepherder was outfitted with warm clothes from the store. Sandy was told that he was so grateful for the gesture that he even brought his dog along who was "locked up in the back room." She never actually saw the dog and now says that they probably just messed with me for laughs.

Sandy shared many fond memories of the store, especially from its earlier days when it served ranchers, farmers, and Hollywood Western extras. The store's large selection of Levi's, boots, western shirts, Stetson hats, and more was a hallmark of the early business. Sandy recalled that her father would often buy her beautiful cowgirl outfits, though she personally preferred jeans and sparkly Western shirts with snap buttons. She also reminisced about wrapping Christmas gifts with her cousin Phyllis during the busy holiday rush, sometimes receiving tips of a quarter, which was a big deal at the time. During the holidays, Japanese customers would often bring them boxes of fancy Japanese cookies, and the store would be decorated with festive decorations that Sandy's dad also brought home for their tree - sparkling foil ornaments that she cherished.

Figure 252: Berger Bros Store History appendix

1st store: Berger Brothers Clothing Store

The brother's first store, named the Berger Brothers Clothing Store and also called The Berger Brother's Men's Shop, was opened in 1931 (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune Thu, Oct 10, 1957 ·Page 3). – see below in published order. It was located at 2662 Santa Ana Street in South Gate, California.



On October 9, 1933, approximately 2 years after opening, the "Berger Brothers Clothing Store (was) Robbed by Thugs". Ed and Bill Berger were locked in a rear room by two armed "thugs" who "looted" approximately \$20 and escaped by "running through an alley and leaping into a machine they had left on a parking lot." (South Gate Daily Press-Tribune Mon, Oct 09, 1933 ·Page 1). This is the oldest media found on Newspapers.com related to the Berger's stores.

Figure 253: Berger Bros Store History appendix

On March 1, 1935, an advertisement announced the "Grand Opening of South Gate Department Store (Formerly Berger Bros. Mens Shop), 2664-66 Santa Ana Street." (South Gate Daily Press-Tribune, Fri, Mar 01, 1935 ·Page 8). There is no reference as to new ownership and the next two articles from March of 1938 mention that they "have a similar store in Los Angeles", which is presumedly this South Gate store.

GRAND OPENING

of

SOUTH GATE DEPARTMENT STORE

(Formerly Berger Bros. Mens Shop)

2664-66 Santa Ana Street

<p>Pequot Sheets 81x99 \$1.19 each</p> <p>Pillow Cases 42x36 29c each <small>Limit 3 to a Customer</small></p>	<p>COMPLETE LINE OF WOMENS and CHILDRENS WEAR, DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, YARDAGE</p> <p>Wash Cloths 2 for 9c</p>	 <p>Full Fashioned HOSIERY 59c pr.</p>
<p>SLUMBERCRAFT Pajamas FOR WOMEN 89c</p> <p>Children's Pajamas 79c</p>	<p>YARDAGE SPRINGTIME PRINTS, yd. 19c VOILES Yd. 25c ORGANDIES Yd. 35c</p>	<p>MEN'S WEAR</p> <p>Blue Bib Overalls \$1. Bib Overalls For Little Boys 69c</p> <p>BROADCLOTH SHIRTS White and Colors Collars Attached per EACH 2 for \$1</p> <p>BIG MEN WORK SHIRTS 69c</p> <p>MEN'S HATS \$1.65</p>
<p>Wash Dresses Fast Colors 14 to 44 Latest Styles and Colors 98c</p> 	<p>MEN'S BOSS CORDS \$1.95</p> <p>SHIRTS or SHORTS Full Cut Fast Colors 2 for \$1</p> <p>HEAVY WORK SOX 8 for \$1</p>	

STORE OPEN UNTIL 10 P.M. SATURDAY

2nd Store: Berger Brothers Men's Store

Berger Brothers Clothing Store Formerly Opens

Public is cordially invited to attend the formal opening Saturday of Berger Brothers Men's and Boys' Clothing Store, 6354 Van Nuys boulevard.

Milton and Edward Berger, who are operating this new store in the heart of the Van Nuys business district, also have a similar store in Los Angeles.

The building has been completely modernized inside and out and makes a splendid addition to the retail center.

Berger Brothers Open Men's Store on Boulevard

Impressed with the substantial and sustained growth in Van Nuys during the last several years, Milton and Edward Berger, clothing merchants of Los Angeles, are opening a men's furnishings store at 6354 Van Nuys boulevard, Saturday.

Berger Brothers Men's store will be a modern and attractive haberdashery catering to all tastes. The line for men will be complete except for suits.

The Bergers invite the public to visit their store. The building has been recently modernized and re-decorated with up-to-date display windows.

In March of 1938 a few articles announced that Milton and Edward were "opening a men's furnishings store at 6354 Van Nuys Boulevard (on) Saturday." (The Van Nuys News and Valley Green Sheet · Thu, Mar 17, 1938 · Page 10) and (The Van Nuys News, Thu, Mar 24, 1938 · Page 4).

Figure 254: Berger Bros Store History appendix

3rd Store: Gardena Department Store

In an article about their 4th Store opening, it is mentioned that the 1st Gardena Department Store was opened in 1949 (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune Thu, Oct 10, 1957 ·Page 3). – see below in published order.

The first advertisement noting the 1024 Gardena Blvd address is dated Feb 16, 1950, advertising that the "Gardena Dept. Store (is) "Your Friendly Shopping Center". (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune, Thur, Feb, 16, 1950, pg 13). Additional advertisements and other media from 1950 also shown are: (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune, Thur, July 27 1950, pg 11), (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune, Thur, Aug 17, 1950, pg 1) and (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune Thu, Aug 31, 1950 ·Page 6).

GARDENA DEPT. STORE
"Your Friendly Shopping Center"
SHOP FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS TILL 9 P.M.

Blouses
Outstanding prices on high styled weather blouses. Lapel-collared, long-sleeved, lace-trimmed, sporty and all-around. Many styles to choose from. All sizes. White only.
\$1.98

Nylon Varlewed Blouses
Reg. \$2.98! Save!
Beautifully tailored. A short-sleeved shirt you never signed to find in this low price! White only. 32 to 40.
\$2.98

• ARROW SHIRTS •

Kitchen Curtains
Now is the time to look your kitchen over for spring beautification. A new set of curtains will brighten and add color to chosen room.
\$1.00

• GENUINE LEVIS •

Boys' Jeans
Made of the finest 10 to 12 oz. denim. Stays for all seasons. From boys' sizes 10 to 14.
\$1.98

• TOM SAWYER BOYS WEAR •

Bath Mat Sets
Fast color, washable bath mat sets at a particularly low price. A nice addition to decor.
\$1.00

• BLUE SWAN LINGERIE •

You don't need a lot of "ready" cash to take advantage of these really values. Deposit a little now... pay as you go.

• BERKSHIRE HOSE FOR WOMEN •

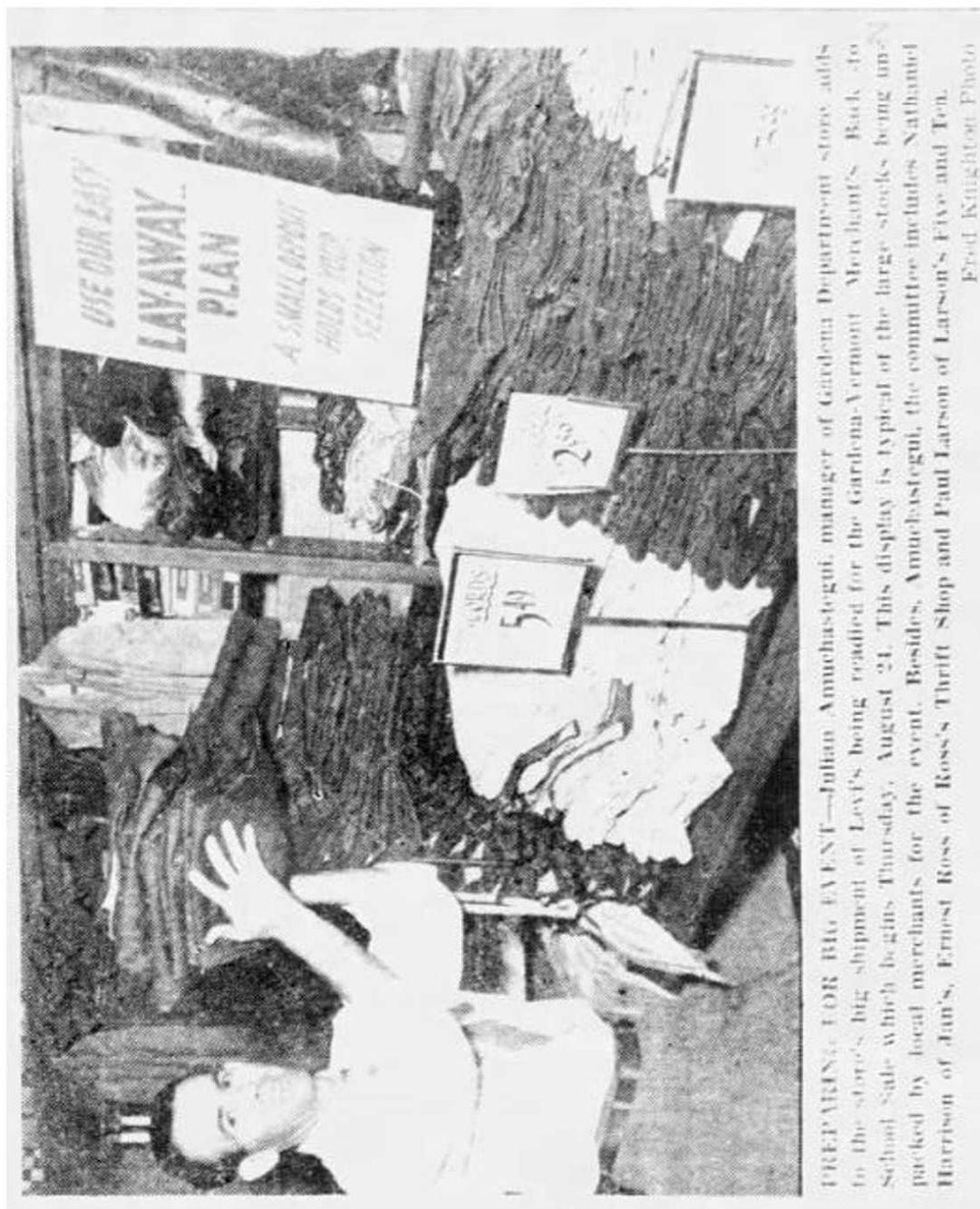
Famous Name Nylons
Venus
of HOLLYWOOD
High Twist Nylons
51 Gauge - 15 Denier
New and different. Knit of twisted Denier yarn for more elasticity and wear. New Spring Breaker...
Box of 3 Pk. **\$2.95**
51 Gauge - 15 Denier
Slightly compressed in new Spring Breaker for new shoe comfort.
3 pk. **79¢**

LADIES... Ask about our History Club for Special Savings...

GARDENA DEPARTMENT STORE
1024 Gardena Blvd. MElo 4-1480

GARDENA DEPARTMENT STORE
1024 Gardena Blvd. MElo 4-1480
"Your Friendly Shopping Center"

Figure 255: Berger Bros Store History appendix




PREPARING FOR BIG EVENT—Julian Amuchastegui, manager of Gardena Department store, adds to the store's big shipment of Levi's being received for the Gardena-Vermont Merchants' Back-to-School Sale which begins Thursday, August 24. This display is typical of the large stocks being unpacked by local merchants for the event. Besides Amuchastegui, the committee includes Nathaniel Harrison of Jan's, Ernest Ross of Ross's Thrift Shop and Paul Larson of Larson's Five and Ten.

Fred Knighton Photo


Figure 256: Berger Bros Store History appendix

**Does This Indicate a
HARD WINTER?**



These are only a portion of the many blanket Lay-Aways at GARDENA DEPT. STORE . . . the result of their extra-value blanket Lay-away Sale.


Advertised Exclusively
in the
GARDENA VALLEY NEWS



EDWARD BERGER

Milton and Edward Berger, proprietors of Gardena Department Store, report:

"Of course we expected results — but hardly as spectacular as from this one advertisement."



MILTON BERGER

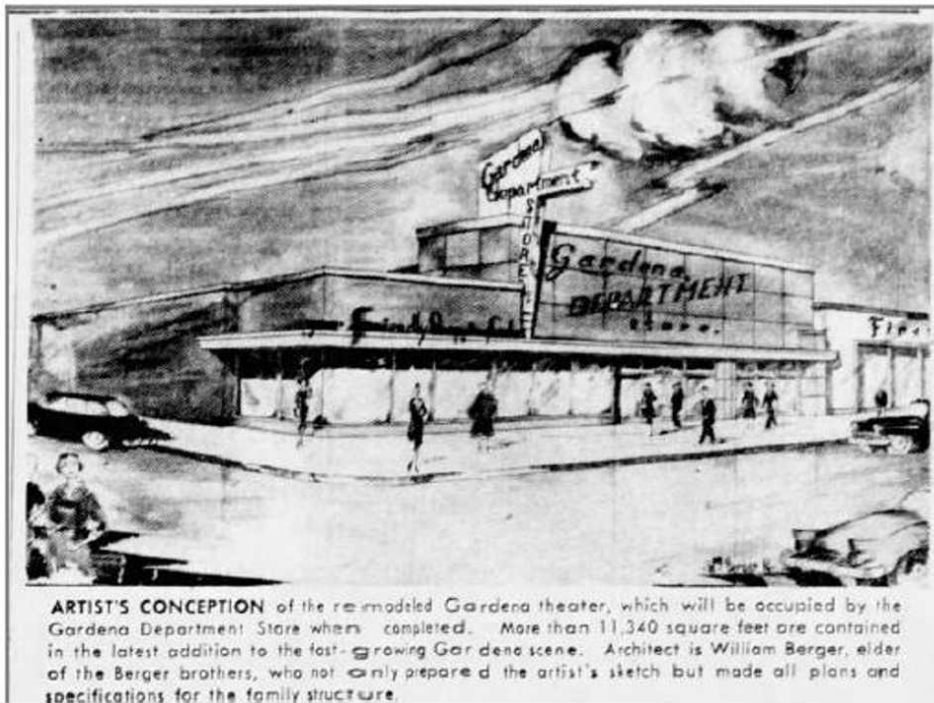
Figure 257: Berger Bros Store History appendix



In was noted in paragraph 2 of a seemingly unrelated news article, that the 1st Gardena Department Store, on 1024 Gardena Blvd, was built on the original location of the home of Mr. an Mrs. C. G. Carlson. (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune (Gardena, California) · Thu, Dec 15, 1955 · Page 1).

Figure 258: Berger Bros Store History appendix

4th Store: Gardena Department Store



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of the re-modeled Gardena theater, which will be occupied by the Gardena Department Store when completed. More than 11,340 square feet are contained in the latest addition to the fast-growing Gardena scene. Architect is William Berger, elder of the Berger brothers, who not only prepared the artist's sketch but made all plans and specifications for the family structure.

Start Work On New Gardena Dept. Store

Indicative of the continuing growth of Gardena is the announcement by William Berger of the Gardena Department Store, 1024 Gardena Blvd., that work has commenced on a new home for that well-known local firm.

The most modern, convenient, carefully planned store in the entire area was the description given by Berger as he disclosed his plan of completely rebuilding the recently closed Gardena Theatre building, just opposite the Postoffice on Gardena boulevard. His plan shows a com-

pletely remodeled and enlarged building that will have some 20 feet of all glass frontage on Gardena boulevard, with a depth to the alley behind of 125 feet.

The show windows will continue some 20 feet on the Berendo street side and the store will have a side entrance on Berendo for customers' convenience. Bulk of the interior 11,340 square feet will be devoted to sales space, but the rear portion will be reserved for new, immaculate rest rooms, warehouse space and offices. Plans contain

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time to supervising the work on the new store, plans for which he prepared and drew himself.

Here's More About Start Work—

(Continued from Page One)

provisions for the addition of a 2500 square foot mezzanine at some later date.

Scheduled for completion on or about August 1, the new store will have completely new, especially designed display cases of a three-tier, self warehousing design so that complete stocks of merchandise will be always readily available.

New fitting rooms for the apparel departments will be roomy and beautifully lighted. The friendly, competent, personalized service of Gardena Department Store will be the keynote of the new store's whole operation.

William Berger, elder brother of Milton and Edward Berger, is probably the least known of the popular trio who have so successfully operated the Gardena Department Store these eight years. Usually seen only on week-ends and sale-days, William is now devoting his en-

On March 8 1956, an exciting article along with renderings was published about the "Start of Work on New Gardena Dept Store".

(Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune (Gardena, California) · Thu, Mar 8, 1956 · Page 1).

Figure 259: Berger Bros Store History appendix

On November 8th, 1956, an article of the "Grand Opening" at 1106 Gardena Blvd. was published including an advertised drawing on pages 4 and 5. (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune, Thu, Nov 08, 1956 · Page 1) and (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune (Gardena, California) · Thu, Nov 8, 1956 · Page 4-5).

**Dept. Store
Readies For
Gala Opening**

**Gardena Merchandise
Mart In New Building**

Gardena, Calif. Since it is a landmark in the valley, even though it has recently moved and will hold its grand opening tomorrow and Saturday, Milton, William and Edward Berger say that customers will find the same excellent service they have experienced in the past.

The grand opening will feature many new merchandise items. Mr. Thomas K. Weir, and all of the city officials, prominent business men and merchandising sources officials have also been invited to the opening at 1106 Gardena Blvd.

"We have all of our merchandise openly displayed so that a salesman cannot push anything down a customer's throat," said William Berger.

The store is completely new with wide open sales and the latest in display area. It features...

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Gardena DEPARTMENT store

page ad on Pages Four and Five of this issue of your GARDENA VALLEY NEWS. The store is at 1106 Gardena Blvd.

—NEWS SPOT

GRAND OPENING—The Berger brothers will hold their grand opening for the Gardena Department Store tomorrow and Saturday. A drawing will be featured with coupons that will be clipped from the two-

**HERE'S MORE ABOUT . . .
Dept. Store**

(Continued From Page 1)

ures all kinds of merchandise and the ready and willing sales people that have been with the Berbers for years.

The Berbers got the store in October of 1949.

A coupon will be found on pages 4 and 5 in the GARDENA VALLEY NEWS.

Patrons should clip this coupon, and, after filling it out, drop it in a conveniently located box in the Gardena Department Store.

Numerous valuable prizes will be given to winners on

November 17 when the drawing will take place.

Customers do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

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The successful opening of the the Berger's 4th store was noted in the enthusiastic headline "Gardena Dept. Store Thronged for Opening" (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune, Thu, Nov 15, 1956 -Page 1).

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Gardena Dept. Store Thronged for Opening

Testifying to the popularity of the Gardena Department Store visited the new location last weekend when the doors were opened for shopping and "looking."



"We saw many old friends and were grateful for their expressions of good will," Milton Berger, co-owner reported. "However, we were very much pleased with the number of new faces we saw. Many told us it was the first time they had patronized our establishment, and we feel we made many new customers during our Grand Opening."

The halfblock long modern building, located on the site of the old Gardena theater, has taken on a new look with a vengeance. Modern showcases and fixtures give the ultimate in shopping convenience and pleasure.

During the opening days and for the first part of this week, the store was banked with flowers and potted plants, expressions of good will from the hundreds of the management. Courteous clerks saw to it

EDWARD BERGER
... Greets Thousands at New Store Opening

in the Gardena Valley, literally thousands of friends and patrons

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that "lookers" were treated to a thorough inspection of the entire premises. Favors were given ladies and children throughout the day.

"May we just say 'thanks' to our friends through the Gardena Valley News and assure them our utmost efforts will be extended in the future to make the Gardena Department Store their favorite store," Berger said to-

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CONGRATULATIONS—Milt and Ed Berger (right and left) are congratulated by Julian Amuchastigues, Gardena Department Store manager, upon the first anniversary at its present

location, 1106 Gardena Blvd. The Berbers, owners of the store, are offering special anniversary bargains to celebrate the occasion. —NEWSpic

Dept. Store Fetes Anniversary

The Berger boys, "Milt" and "Ed," are celebrating the first anniversary of their Gardena Department Store at its new location, 1106 Gardena Blvd., and are offering bargains to match the occasion.

The brand new department store has been serving the community at this new location since last year—and before that at 1024 Gardena Blvd.

The first anniversary sale at the Gardena Department Store offers many and varied, as well as startling values.

Milt was born in New York, while Ed was born in Los Angeles. Both were raised in Huntington Park and received their education at Poly High School in Los Angeles.

The Berbers opened their first store in South Gate in 1931.

In 1938 they opened a store in Van Nuys, and in 1949, the pair

moved to Gardena, and they have been here ever since.

Each has a wife and two children. Ed is the ex-president of the Downtown Merchant's Association and is serving as treasurer this year.

Last year, Ed was chairman of the Community Chest Drive. Both are members of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Milt purchases the domestics and runs the women's side of Gardena Department Store, while Ed handles the men's department.

According to Ed, it was a faith in the future of the Gardena Valley that drew he and his brother to this area. "I have never seen a more appropriate area for growth," he said. "And this new census, recently has borne out our thinking," he continued.

SAI Takes Prizes at County Fair

Gardena's Spanish-American Institute, a school for boys, walked off with 12 prize ribbons out of 15 entrants in the cattle judging contest held last month at the Los Angeles County Fair.

News of the awards has just been received, said Dr. R. H. Silverthorn, director, who revealed the local boys had also won first prize for the neatest and cleanest animal quarters at the fair, plus a prize for winning more awards than any other competing group.

Richard Hurst, showing a young Jersey heifer took a grand champion ribbon home as a result of his entrant.

This News article about the Gardena Department Store's 1st anniversary has a wealth of information including the years all prior stores were opened. (Gardena Valley News and Gardena Tribune, Thu, Oct 10, 1957 · Page 1).

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Gardena Department Store's Big

Easter

LAY-AWAY SALE

LADIES' EASTER DRESSES

Prices to fit any pocket book

NYLONS
Dance of Maris, Maris & Co. 1959
\$1.00

SHORTY COATS
1959 WOOD
New Spring Fashion
\$12.98

Easter Blouses
Choice of styles, fabric and colors
From \$1.98

BOYS' SUITS
New design, made for the
modern boy, with a wide
collar and a wide waistband.
\$11.98

CHILDREN'S SHOES
A fine selection of new
Easter shoes
From \$2.98

GIRLS' EASTER DRESSES
A large and beautiful
selection to choose
from - \$1.98

WOMEN'S ARROW SHIRTS
Colors and white. Plain
and French cuffs. All
collar styles.
\$4.00

GARDENA
Department Store
"YOUR FINEST SHOPPING CENTER"
HARDWARES FOR BOY SCOUTS AND GIRL SCOUTS
1106 GARDENA BLVD. DA 4-9857
OPPOSITE GARDENA POST OFFICE FA 1-1257

Various advertisements from March 5, 1959 – December 23, 1965.

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It's Easter Shopping Time!

SEE OUR COLORFUL FASHIONS STYLED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. WE'VE A WORLD OF EXCITING SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR EASTER FASHION DECISIONS. THE LATEST SPRING STYLES AND FABRICS TO CHOOSE FROM. YES IT TRULY IS EASTER SHOPPING TIME AT GARDENA DEPARTMENT STORE.

FASHION DRESSES
Our biggest dress value ever, in a large assortment of fabrics, prints and solids.
\$6⁹⁸ to \$18⁹⁸

SPRING DUSTERS
Fully lined, in white, black and beige. Many fabrics to choose from.
from \$12⁹⁸

LADIES' HATS
New styles, new fabrics, new colors to match the most discriminating wardrobe.
from \$1⁹⁸

Easter HAND BAGS
In leather, fabric and straw.
\$2⁹⁸ to \$7⁹⁸

Girls' EASTER BONNETS
Easter straws for pert little misses, with flower frills and bonny bows.
\$1⁹⁸ to \$3⁹⁸

MEN'S SPRING SUITS
Styled to the minute, tailored to perfection in rich, mid-weight fabrics, just right for spring.
from \$39⁵⁰
Young Men's Suits 3 Pc. Corduroy **\$29⁵⁰**

GIRLS' EASTER DRESSES
Darling Fashions. Perfect for Easter.
\$1⁹⁸ to \$8⁹⁸

BOYS' SLACKS
Machine Washable In Gray, Brown and Blue
\$3⁹⁸ to \$5⁹⁸

Gardena Department Store
Open Mon. & Tues. Evening 'til 9 p.m.
1106 GARDENA BLVD.
"YOUR FRIENDLY SHOPPING CENTER"
OPPOSITE GARDENA POST OFFICE
Open Mon. & Tues. Evening 'til 9 p.m.
DA 4-9857 FA 1-1257



**Year's Supply
Of Brassieres
May Be Yours**

Women in the area have only this week to enter a contest in which they may win a year's supply of bras at no cost.

Gardena Department Store at 1106 Gardena Blvd., is in the final week of the contest, which is being conducted at no charge to their customers. Official entry blanks need merely to be filled out and deposited in a box at the store. Some lucky winner will receive a full year's supply of world famous Exquisite-Form brassieres.

Entry blanks are in today's Gardena Valley News, and also may be obtained at Gardena Department Store.



FIRST AID—Boy Scouts demonstrate First Aid technique in the window of Gardena Department Store Saturday in commemoration of Boy Scout week. Troop 725 staged a mock accident on Gardena Blvd. with cooperation of Miller Ambulance Co. and the Gardena

Police Dept. Young girl watches through the window as treatment is given by Scouts Ronnie Sperry, Malvin Komatsu, Clark Makashita, Roger Garsh, Travis King, Ronnie Remington and Steve Nelson.

NEWS-REC.

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SALE

on Berkshire Stockings



**Last Day
September 1**

It only happens once a year! The chance to buy sheer shorts, stockings at tremendous savings. They're the only stockings with the invisible Ron-Barrier. Guaranteed not to run from hip or toe into the sheer leg area—or you get a new pair free!

As advertised in **LIFE**

Savings on regular Berkshires

Reg. 1.35 ... NOW 1.11 ... 5 PAIRS 3.30

Reg. 1.50 ... NOW 1.21 ... 5 PAIRS 3.60

Reg. 1.65 ... NOW 1.31 ... 5 PAIRS 3.90

GARDENA
DEPARTMENT STORE

1106 GARDENA BLVD. FA. 1-1257
OPEN MON. & FRI. NITES DA. 4-9857

*slips to nothing in back...
quick-sign up the front!*

RONDEAU
TORTOISE
by Lilyette



Any objection to looking sheerer than ever in the new Ron-Barrier "fishnet"? Not then, you're no choice, not last, but to wear this Ron-Barrier. The customer pocketed, snug, reinforced with wire, space and shape you're high, modest perfection with never a moment's weakness. The long Ron-Barrier looks like water for quail. Reinforced with wire, cotton and elastic. Ties front zipper. White, 12 to 16, A, B, C sizes.

\$12.50

GARDENA
DEPARTMENT STORE

1106 Gardena Blvd. FA. 1-1257
Open Mon. & Fri. Nites DA. 4-9857

GARDENA DEPARTMENT STORE

Brings new glamour to your bedroom

Choose from a beautiful assortment of famous LADY PEPPERELL sheets
a garden of roses, a sleek striped ensemble, or ever-right Classic White



**JUST SAY
CHARGE
IT!**

ROSE DUET — Quiet tones and new depth of color make Rose Duet roses almost come alive on an 18-panel printed top, 18 new, matching panel pillow case, and all-over printed bottom sheet.

TWIN 72x108 Flat or Fold, 2.49
FULL 81x108 Flat or Fold, 4.49
Matching Case — 1.29 ea.



PEPPERELL WHITE — always in perfect taste, Pepperell white enhances the beauty of any color or pattern with its fine contrast — enhances the beauty of any bed with understated elegance. Choose economical, long-lasting, multi or luxurious fine combed percale.

PERCALE

TWIN 72x108 Flat or Fold, 2.98
FULL 81x108 Flat or Fold, 3.98
Cases — 99c ea.



SOLID STRIPE — a wonderfully versatile pattern that blends easily into country, pink, when paired with the less decorating schemes — looks like Pepperell solid. When stripes bound with matching color in colors.

TWIN 72x108 Flat or Fold, 2.89
FULL 81x108 Flat or Fold, 2.98
Cases — 79c ea.

GARDENA
Department Store

CUB SCOUT — HEADQUARTERS — BOY SCOUT

1106 Gardena Blvd.

FA. 1-1257
Open Mon. and Fri. Nites DA. 3-6242

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**LYCRA PROVIDES FOUNDATION
LIKE SECOND SKIN**

Prices are down on newly-plentiful synthetic fiber.

Lycra, sensational new material used in undergarments, has arrived on the market in plentiful supply. This is good news to the fashion conscious consumer who also is penny-wise; since the good old law of supply and demand thus brings prices down.

Girdles of Lycra, for example, that look like "little nothings" but provide all-out restraint and support, now begin at a "little nothing" price: \$5.95. Most major foundation garment companies also have Lycra panty girdles, bras, garter belts and all-in-one foundation garments.

Technically, Lycra is described as "non-rubber Dupont

spandex fiber." The synthetic is very light in texture but very strong to take the place of the old power-net girdles.

"Formerly, Lycra was so scarce it had to be allocated," says Geneva Hazlett, Gardena Department Store corsetiere. "Now it is plentiful."

Mrs. Hazlett says Lycra is light and airy, with a molding tendency. "Almost like a second skin."

She adds: "It gives a smooth sleek line with no bulk. It dries overnight and its snap-back is ten times as good."

Mrs. Hazlett, who has been a professional corsetiere for 25 years, adds that the Gardena Department store provides a service of which some Gardenians may not be aware. She and Melba Crump, ladies' wear manager, are always on duty and available for personalized professional fittings.

Mrs. Hazlett also suggests something different in the way of personal shower gifts for the bride-elect:

"Sometimes the future bride's friends get together, pool their money and have her come in for a personal fitting of undergarments."

The expert fitter also says that she or Mrs. Crump will provide a free figure analysis for any woman who comes in and asks for one.



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Lovely Lacy, Sheer *New as Tomorrow*

BY NANOU

What qualities do women want in a girdle?

They want a garment that is smooth, cool, comfortable. Light-weight control. In short, they want nylon Lycra, by Dupont, and Blue C. Spandex, by Chemstrand.

"This is the enlightened age of Lycra, so why settle for anything less?" Geneva Hazlett, experienced fitter and corsetiere at the Gardena Department Store, asks the rhetorical question. "Women insist on it," she adds. "There is nothing stronger, yet more delicate in touch and appearance, than these two wonderful fabrics for foundations and lingerie."

Speaking of foundations, according to Mrs. Hazlett, they are coming on strong — more necessary than ever. They are new as the first breath of Spring — made light, made supple, made possible with Lycra Spandex.

They are also made to give active bodies a beautiful freedom of movement.

The benefits of Dupont Lycra and Blue C Spandex are available now in brassieres, girdles, panty-girdles and full-length combinations. Gardena Department Store has in its collection several of the new designs, with more coming. One garment is so new that delivery won't be until mid-February or March, but the local store will be among the first to show it. It is called "Bottoms Up," beautiful, lacy and sheer, and designed to soften and accentuate the natural curves of the body.

You could be the first to ask for it!



NEWS IN FOUNDATIONS So new, they're not here yet

There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness.

Lady Blessington

Beauty is the first present Nature gives to women, and the first it takes away.

Mere.

Beauty is power; a smile is its sword.

Charles Reade

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Gardena Robbery a Test Run?

The "007" bandits who robbed Gardena Department Store of \$700 last week are expected to strike again, according to Detective Dean Burton, Gardena police.

"We believe the Gardena robbery was a test run to allow these men to check their timing," said Burton.

Police officers gave the bandits the nickname "007" because they carried an attache case that contained a walkie-talkie type radio — standard equipment for television counterspies — and appeared to work on a strict time schedule.

At one time during the robbery, one bandit reminded the other they were two minutes behind schedule. After binding store manager J. Julian with adhesive tape, the bandit called an accomplice with the radio and asked to be picked up.

Apparently posing as salesmen, the bandits are able to go to the stores of prospective victims to familiarize themselves with the building and working schedules, said Burton. He said area police are very interested in the technique because they expect it to be followed in many well organized robberies.

Burton advised merchants to be on the lookout for two white

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male adults carrying an olive green attache case. The men are described as both being about six feet in height. One man is described as 6-2, 190 pounds, 44 years of age and having a rough complexion. The other was described as 6 feet, 200 pounds, and 40 years of age with black hair. He wore dark glasses during the robbery.

The victim of another robbery is slowly recovering in Imperial Hospital, Inglewood, added Burton.

Frank Vallone, a Gardena cab driver who was shot in the neck and robbed of \$22 Nov. 27th, is regaining use of his right side, according to his doctors. Vallone, 44, of Torrance, was shot through the neck with a .45 caliber pistol shortly after 4 a.m. and wasn't found for more than two hours.

Vallone told officers he had picked the bandit up as a passenger at the cab stand at 14305 S. Vermont Ave. and had driven less than one third of a mile when he was ordered to stop. The driver was robbed then shot.

Police believe the bandit called for an ambulance before he left the scene.

The week before December 19, 1965 "The "007" bandits" robbed the Gardena Department Store of \$700. (Gardena Valley news and Gardena Tribune · Sun, Dec pg 1-2).

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Note that the Gardena Valley News is not archived in Newspapers.com post 1965 so no further information is included in this research from that source.

The 25th anniversary of the Gardena Department Store, at its second Gardena location of 1106 Gardena Blvd, was celebrated in The Garden Valley News on Thurs. November 6 1975. Long time employee Melba Crump is pictured as well as Julian Amuchastegui and Steve Germansky, (source Eric Germansky).

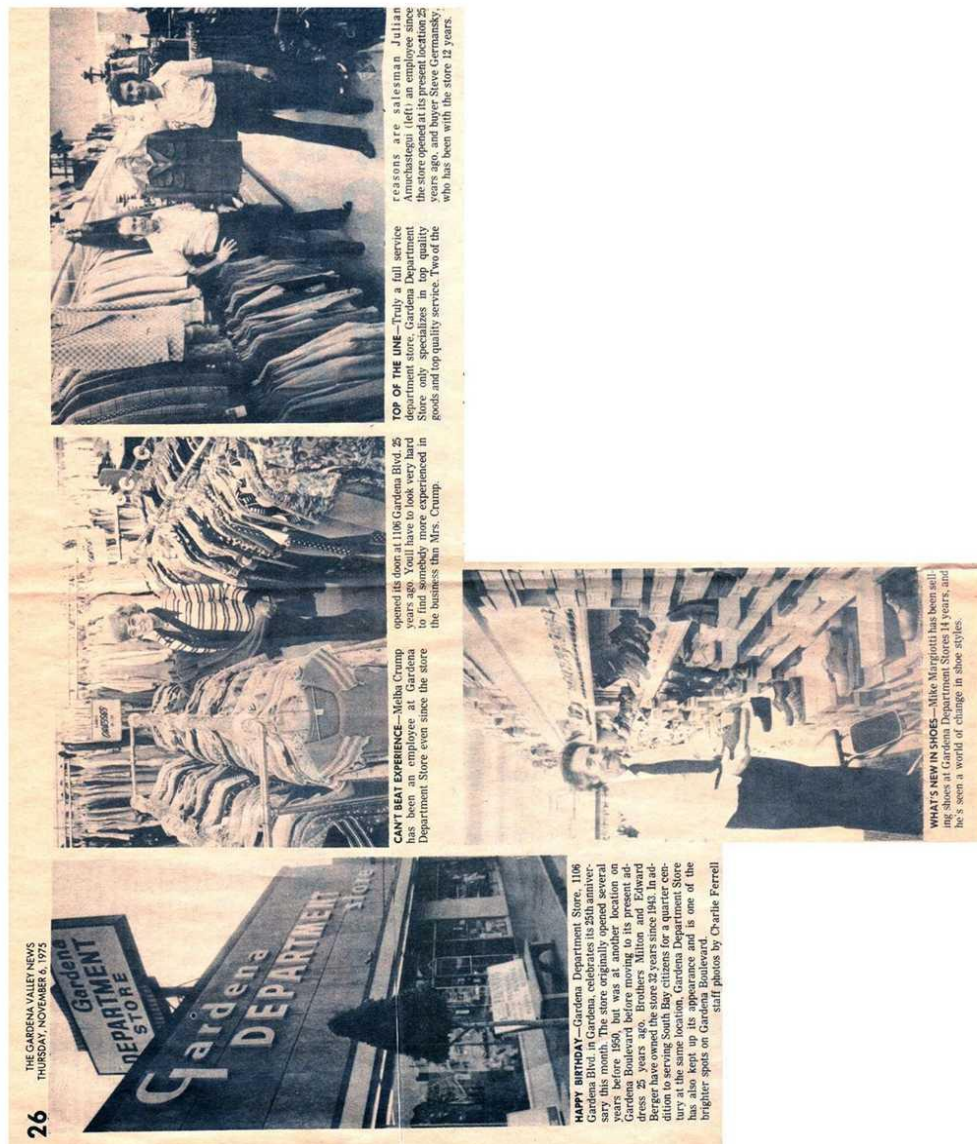


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